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Letters Sent to

Miscellaneous Recipients

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Jan. 2, 1918.

Chief Forester, U. S. Forest Service,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith find two bills of the Salt Lake City Assay Office for ore assays made during the quarter just closed, at the request of the Salt Lake City division of the Forest Service, in amounts $7.00 and $5.00.

Please cause transfer settlements to be made, crediting appropriations as follows:

Wages of Workmen,	Assay Office at	Salt Lake, 1918 -	$6.00
do	do	do	4.00
Contingent Expenses,	do	do	1.00
do	do	do	1.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 2, 1918.

Commissioner of the

General Land Office,

Washington.

Sir:

Herewith find bills of the Salt Lake City Assay Office for ore assays made during the quarter just closed, at the request of the Salt Lake City division, $6.25; and of the Denver division, $140.00.

Please cause transfer settlements to be made, crediting appropriations as follows:

Wages of Workmen,	Assay Office at	Salt Lake,	1918 -	$105.00
do	do	do		5.00
Contingent Expenses,	do	do	-	35.00
do	do	do		1.25

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 2, 1918.

Auditor for

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Will you kindly advise me as to the freight rate applicable to Government shipments of ingot copper from Canton, Md., to Philadelphia, Pa., in October, November and December, 1917, in carload quantities.

It is not possible to submit bills for this service for direct settlement by the Auditor as they are not payable from an appropriation but from the Minor Coinage Metal Fund, from moneys only under the control of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Jan 2 1918

Zimmermann and Forshay,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone conversation had with you this day and to request that you ship to the U.S.Mint at Philadelphia one hundred and fifty thousand ounces of silver at the rate of ninety three and one-quarter cents per fine ounce f.o.b. that mint.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

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January 3, 1918.

Messrs. Krawitz & Wachler,
Liggett Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of a package containing gold kings. The metal has been sent to the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office who will remit to you a check for the value of the gold and silver contents, less the charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes..

There is no Mint in Washington.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Dec 31, 1917

Handy and Harman
59 Cedar st.,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone conversation had with you this day, and to request that you ship to the Mint at Philadelphia one hundred thousand ounces of silver at the rate of ninety two and one half cents per fine ounce, f.o.b. that Mint.

Respectfully yours,

F. A. Vanderlip

Director of the Mint.

FHC

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January 4, 1918.

Isaac Brandon & Brothers,
17 Battery Place,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 24th instant relative to proposed Panama fractional currency, I beg to submit the following:-

The cost of coining the silver five centesimos of one Balboa, and nickel two and one-half centesimos of one Balboa coins for the Government of Panama will be $6.20 per 1000 pieces for silver, and $4.00 per 1000 pieces for nickel.

These prices include the cost of working dies. The metal and bullion would have to be furnished to the Mint.

It is understood that the tolerance on these coins would be the same as on the United States coins.

If you will advise us of the number of pieces desired we will give you the amount of metal needed to complete the coinage.

As you are aware, before this coinage could be undertaken by the Mint a request would have to come, through our State Department, from the duly accredited representative of the Republic of Panama at this capital.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Jany 4 1918

Handy and Herman,
59 Cedar st.,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm conversation had with you this day over telephone, and to request that you ship to the U.S.Mint at Philadelphia one hundred thousand ounces of silver at the rate of ninety five and one-half cents per fine ounce f.o.b. that mint.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

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January 4, 1918.

Hon. Eduardo Higginson,
Consul General of Peru,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant relative to the steel pieces now being prepared at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, I beg to say that it will be necessary for your designated agent to receive and make payment at the Mint the consignment of steel pieces. The Superintendent will have the pieces packed and ready for shipment when turned over to your agent in the Mint Building, Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Jany 4 1918

Zimmermann and Forshay,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone conversation had with you this day and to request that you ship to the Mint at Philadelphia one hundred thousand ounces of silver at the rate of ninety five and three-quarters cents per fine ounce, f.o.b. that mint.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

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Jany 4 1918

Zimmermann and Forshay
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen;-

I beg to confirm telephone conversation had with you on this day and to request that you ship to the U.S.Mint at Philadelphia one hundred thousand ounces of silver at the rate of ninety five and three-quarters cents per fine ounce.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

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January 5, 1918.

Western Union Telegraph Co.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Find herewith Telegraph Message number 34, Sub-voucher 263 which appears to have been forwarded to this Bureau in error. The charge of thirty five cents thereon has been deducted from your bill, number 134 & 225, same not being chargeable to the expense of this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.

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Jan. 5, 1918.

The Auditor for the Treasury Department,

Washington.

Sir:

I beg to reverse my recommendation made in forwarding the ordinary account current with supporting vouchers, of the Seattle Assay Office for the quarter ended Sept. 30, 1917, for disallowance of an apparent overpayment on July voucher No. 160, amounting to $2.29.

This reversal is based upon explanation of the Assayer in Charge at Seattle that the maximum meter readings originally furnished this office as applicable to the June light voucher, 22 and 40, are incorrect; and that the correct readings, which support the rate charged, are 35 and 50. It is explained that the meters were twice read in June, the wrong readings having been noted but not used in computing the rate chargeable for the service rendered.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 5, 1918.

Miss Natalie Sumner Lincoln,
Editor, Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine,
New York City.

Dear Miss Lincoln:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant relative to the publication of a photographic reproduction of the first half eagle.

It gives me pleasure to say that there is no law which prohibits the photographic reproduction of coins for historical purposes. I am enclosing a copy of the section of the penal code which covers this condition.

The half eagle issued in 1795 had a value of five dollars.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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January 5, 1918.

Major S. M. Gains,
Superintendent of Mail,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant relative to the number of documents received and distributed during the calendar year 1917, the following is submitted:-

	Copies.
Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, fiscal year 1917, also the Report on the Production of the Precious Metals, calendar year 1916,--- Doc. No. 2806.	1,500
Dec., 1917, number of franks sent to Superintendent of Documents ----------	714
Amount sent out by Mint Bureau ---------	90
Distributed ----------	804
Proceedings of the Assay Commission, 1917, Test of Coinage Executed and Reserved during the calendar year 1916 , Doc. No. 2798,	
April 5, 1917, received ----------	250
" 6, 1917, sent out ----------	115
Balance on Hand ----------	135
Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World, 1916. Doc. No? 2799.	
Edition----------	500
Sent out by Mint Bureau ----------	216

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 7, 1918.

Mr. Ben. G. Davis,
Chief Clerk,
Department of State.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith check for $7.64, covering the cost of a cable to the American Legation at Berne in regard to a message for Doctor George Martin, Berlin, from John Drum.

Please accept my thanks for your courtesy in the matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Jany 7 1918

Handy and Harman,
59 Cedar st.,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm conversation had with you over the phone this day and to request that you ship to the U.S.Mint at Philadelphia two hundred and fifty thousand ounces of silver at the rate of ninety six and one-quarter cents per fine ounce f.o.b. that mint.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

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Jany 7, 1918

Zimmermann and Forshay,
9 and 11 Wall st.,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm conversation had with you over the telephone this day and to request that you ship to the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia two hundred thousand ounces of silver at the rate of ninety six and one-quarter cents per fine ounce f.o.b. that mint.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

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January 8, 1918.

A. Iselin & Co.,
36 Wall Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 7th instant stating that your sale to me of two million pesos was conditioned upon your ability to make physical delivery of silver, and that you regret you cannot make physical delivery.

My letter of acceptance of your offer of this silver read as follows:-

"I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant relative to silver purchase made over the telephone on December 21st.

It is understood that you are to deliver to the Mint at Philadelphia 2,000,000 pesos, approximately 1,500,000 ounces of fine silver, at the rate of $0.69-1/8 per fine ounce, less the usual refining charge."

The negotiations for the purchase of this silver were conducted in the same manner as similar transactions with other silver dealers, and no unusual conditions were stipulated in my letter of acceptance.

While I regret you are unable to make delivery of the silver offered, there appears to be no alternative than that of cancelling the contract.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

January 9, 1918.

Arthur B. Wood,
Actuary Sun Life Of Canada,
Montreal, Canada.

Shanghai tael one decimal naught three five nine stop Mexican dollar decimal seven five one four.

Director Mint.

Collect.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
2—6827

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2125.

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Jany 9, 1918

Cerro De Pasco Copper Corporation,
15 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th inst., calling attention to the fact that your bid on 200,000 ounces of silver to be delivered to the Mint at Philadelphia was at the rate of ninety three cents per ounce 999 fine, and not as stated in my letter confirming the purchase, at the rate of ninety three cents per fine ounce.

It is customary in all cases where silver is purchased by this office to accept proposals on the basis of fine ounces. However, to avoid any misunderstanding in this case, I have directed the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to accept the silver purchased from your corporation, and to pay for the same on the basis of ninety three cents per ounce 999 fine.

When future tenders are made by your corporation, please quote rates on the basis of fine ounces only.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

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Jany 8, 1918

Handy and Harman,
59 Cedar st.,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming message over telephone this day, I beg to request that you ship to the Mint at Philadelphia one hundred and fifty thousand ounces of silver at the rate of ninety six and one-quarter cents per fine ounce f.o.b. that Mint.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

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Jany 9, 1918

Handy and Harman,
59 Cedar st.,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm conversation had with you over the phone this day, and to request that you ship to the U.S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal., one hundred thousand ounces of silver at the rate of ninety six and one-half cents per fine ounce f.o.b. that Mint.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

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Jany 8 1918

Zimmermann and Forshay,

9-11 Wall st.,

New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm conversation over phone this day and to request that you ship to the U.S.Mint at Philadelphia one hundred thousand ounces of silver at the rate of ninety six and one quarter cents per fine ounce f.o.b. that Mint.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

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Jany 8 1918

Zimmermann and Forshay,

9-11 Wall st.,

New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm conversation over phone this day and to request that you ship to the U.S.Mint at Philadelphia one hundred thousand ounces of silver at the rate of ninety six and one quarter cents per fine ounce f.o.b. that Mint.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

Jany 2, 1918

Zimmermann and Forshay,
9-11 Wall st.,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm conversation had with you over the phone this day and to request that you ship to the Mint at Philadelphia approximately two hundred and twenty thousand ounces of silver at the rate of ninety six and one-eighth cents per fine ounce f.o.b. that Mint.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Jany 9, 1918

Zimmermann and Forshay,
9-11 Wall st.,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm conversation had with you over phone this day and to request that you ship to the U.S.Mint at Philadelphia three hundred and twenty thousand ounces of silver at the rate of ninety six and one-eighth cents per fine ounce f.o.b. that Mint.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

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Jan. 9, 1918.

The Auditor

for Treasury Department.

Sir:

Will you please advise me as to the freight rate applicable to shipments in December, 1917, between Waterbury, Conn., and Philadelphia, Pa., of bronze discs (coin blanks), boxed, in quantities of car-load and less than car-load lots?

Bills for this service are payable only by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, from funds under his control, in the Minor Coinage Metal Fund, consequently settlement by the Auditor in advance of payment is not practicable.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 10, 1918.

Mr. R. E. Cockrell,
123 West Third Street,
Alton, Illinois.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the platinum scrap sent by you and beg to advise you that the institutions of the Mint service do not purchase platinum in this form. We purchase platinum utensils only for the use of the laboratory, but not other forms of the metal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 10, 1918.

Dear Mr. von Engelken:

I have your letter of the 5th relative to the appointment of Mr. Duncan Gibson as a member of the Annual Assay Commission of 1918, and beg to assure you that it will give me pleasure to have Mr. Gibson's name placed on the list of those to be submitted to the Secretary.

I am looking forward to seeing you on the 14th.

With best wishes for yourself and Mrs. von Engelken, I am

Sincerely yours,

Hon. F. J. H. von Engelken,
President The Federal Land Bank,
Columbia, South Carolina.

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January 10, 1918.

Hon. William A. Ashbrook,
House of Representatives.

Dear Congressman Ashbrook:

I have your letter of the 7th instant relative to the Annual Assay Commission. It will give me pleasure to have your name placed on the list of those to be submitted to the Secretary for transmission to the President.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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January 10, 1918.

The Chief
of the Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, amounting to $24,151.20, covering the cost of manufacturing 683,617.90 pesos in Philippine silver and bronze coins delivered on January 4, 1918, to a representative of the War Department for shipment to Manila.

In payment of this account please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the following appropriations of the Mint at San Francisco, fiscal year 1918:-

Wages of Workmen ----------	$16,100.80	
Contingent Expenses ------	8,050.40	$24,151.20

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Jany 10, 1913

Zimmermann and Forshay,
9-11 Wall st.,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen;

I beg to confirm conversation had with you over phone this day and to request that you ship to the U.S.Mint at Philadelphia two hundred and twenty five thousand ounces of silver at the rate of ninety six cents per fine ounce.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

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January 12, 1918.

Mr. R. P. Brooks,
Woodsdale, North Carolina.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant stating that you have on hand one hundred or more Mexican dollars, I beg to advise you that the same will be received at the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after charges have been deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

The coins would be bought at the current rate of silver bullion which changes every day. The price to-day is approximately $0.96 per fine ounce of silver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 12, 1918.

Mr. G. W. Alexander,

Indianapolis, Ind.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 9th instant I beg to advise that the price of silver is fixed in London and daily cabled to this country. The ratio of silver to gold depends upon this price, so that it fluctuates almost constantly. The ratio for any particular period is the average of the daily ratios for the same period. The London price, in a general way, reflects world conditions as to supply and demand.

A copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1917 will be sent you under separate cover, carrying notation as to ratios for the calendar year 1917.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

January 14, 1918.

Mr. Herbert Fleishhacker

Anglo London Paris National Bank
San Francisco, Cal.

Have taken matter up with Treasurer. States coins have been shipped. Limit on shipments removed. Mint stock ample. Advise me if conditions are unsatisfactory.

Ray Baker
Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR

2—6327

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.

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January 14, 1918.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm my acceptance from you of approximately 100,000 ounces of fine silver to be delivered to the Mint at Philadelphia at the rate of $0.95-7/8 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 14, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm my acceptance from you to-day of the following amounts of silver:-

100,000 ounces for delivery to the Mint at Philadelphia at the rate of $0.95-7/8 per fine ounce.

75,000 ounces for delivery to the Mint at San Francisco, at the rate of $0.96 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 14, 1918.

Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce,
Washington.

Gentlemen:

Pages from the Statistical Abstract, amended as requested in your letters of December 19th and 22d last, are returned herewith.

Table No. 392, carried on page 737 of the 1916 Abstract, was not prepared for 1916 owing to incompleteness of returns. This table did not accompany your letters referred to above.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 14, 1918.

Dear Senator Penrose:

Responding to your request of the 11th instant I have taken pleasure in causing to be sent to Professor Thomas Conway, Jr., University of Pennsulvania, a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1917.

Sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Boies Penrose,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

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January 15, 1918.

Mr. H. N. Hempstead,
157th & 8th Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 5th instant relative to securing a supply of one-cent pieces. Replying I beg to suggest that you make application to the sub-treasury in New York for the amount you require. There is an ample stock of one cent pieces now on hand in the Mint at Philadelphia which should reach you without trouble through the sub-treasury at New York. If you find that you are encountering difficulty in obtaining the supply you desire, and will communicate with me, I will be glad to take the matter up with the Treasurer of the United States here in Washington.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 15, 1918.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm acceptance from you of 200,000 ounces of silver to be delivered to the Mint at Philadelphia at the rate of $0.95-3/8 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 15, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm acceptance of your offer of 100,000 ounces of silver to be delivered to the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, at the rate of $0.95-3/8 fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

January 16, 1918.

American Smelting Refining Co.,
New York City.

United Metals Selling Co.,
New York City.

This Bureau receiving bids on silver delivered Philadelphia, San Francisco Denver Mints. You are invited to bid.

Director Mint.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.
2—5927
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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January 16, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm acceptance of 175,000 ounces of silver purchased from you this day to be delivered to the Mint at Philadelphia at the rate of $0.95-1/4 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 16, 1918.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm acceptance of your offer of three hundred thousand ounces of silver for delivery to the Philadelphia Mint at the rate of $0.95-1/4 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 16, 1918.

The Honorable Gavin McNab,
Merchants National Bank,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Friend:

Your letter, together with the enclosed letter from Miss May E. Burdick, reached my desk during my absence at the Philadelphia Mint.

I regret exceedingly that I cannot give the work of making gloves, etc., used by the coiners in the San Francisco Mint to Miss Burdick. All of the gloves used in the different Mints are made at the Philadelphia Mint - none at San Francisco. I should be very glad to assist Miss Burdick if possible to do so, also to grant any request that you made of me, if in my power so to do.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

RB-JLS

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

January 16, 1918.

American Smelting Refining Company,
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New York, N. Y.

Your offer hundred thousand ounces fine silver delivered San Francisco ninety-five-five eighths accepted.

Baker

Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR

2—6827 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Washington,

January 16, 1918.

United Metals Selling Company,
New York City.

Your offer hundred thousand ounces fine silver Philadelphia Mint ninety-five cents and same quantity Denver Mint ninety-five one half cents accepted.

Baker

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 19181
2—6827 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123.

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January 17, 1918.

United Metal Sellings Company,

42 Broadway,

New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm my telegram of the 16th instant and to request that you ship to the United States Mint at Philadelphia one hundred thousand (100,000) ounces of fine silver, at the rate of ninety-five cents per fine ounce, f. o. b. that Mint, and to the United States Mint at Denver one hundred thousand (100,000) ounces, at the rate of ninety-five and one-half cents per fine ounce, f. o. b. that Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 17, 1918.

Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of the Helena Assay Office for one-half the common expenses of that office and the Internal Revenue Office, occupying the same building, the bill being paid by the Assay Office. Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting appropriation ~~to~~ "Contingent Expenses Assay Office at Helena, 1918," in the sum of $264.48.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 17, 1918.

Mr. J. M. Watkins,
Auditor of Revenue,
Miscellaneous Division,
Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co.,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

Please refer to your bill No. 1401-35024, concerning a request by Mr. A. M. Joyce for refund of unused portion of a ticket from Williams to Grand Canyon and return, said ticket having been furnished on Treasury Department request No. T12637.

In response to your inquiry of the 15th instant, I beg to advise that Mr. Joyce has informed me that he has actually received refund on this ticket; he has also covered the amount into the Treasury. Your bill will, therefore, be approved for payment in the amount rendered, $539.30.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 17, 1918.

Mr. C. D. Mitchell,

East Prairie, Missouri.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of December 15th, you are advised that no authority exists for the issue of one dollar gold pieces. An act of Congress would be required to resume the coinage of a gold piece of this denomination.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 17, 1918.

Mr. F. Valente,
18 Fairbury Street,
Dorchester Station,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the first instant, I beg to advise you that all appointments to the Mint and Assay Service of the United States are subject to Civil Service Examination. I would suggest that you address the Civil Service Commission for a list of examinations to be given.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 17, 1918.

Mr. Elmer E. Waite,
R. D. #1,
Mystic, Connecticut.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of recent date, enclosing a sketch of proposed coin. An act of Congress would be required for the manufacture of a coin of any other denomination than those now in circulation.

I am returning herewith the sketch submitted by you and thank you for your interest in the matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Enclosure.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 17, 1918.

Mr. Joseph T. Donoghue,

571 Maxwell Avenue,

Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 7th, addressed to the Hon. Frank E. Doremus, I beg to advise you that an act of Congress would be required for authority to issue a coin of any other denomination than those now in circulation.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I am,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 17, 1918.

Mr. M. Blake,

113 N. Evanston Avenue,

Youngstown, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 14th, I beg to advise you that the Government does not issue a premium book on old coins, and pays no premium upon any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 17, 1918.

Miss Irene C. de Vry,
Cramersburg, Sask., Canada.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of January 7th, you are advised that coins of the year 1918 may be obtained by applying to the Treasury of the United States, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 17, 1918.

The Denver Metal Company,
13th and Larimer Streets,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your proposal dated January 10th, covering certain machinery in the Mint at Denver which has been offered for sale. Your certified check in the amount of $560.53 is returned herewith. Your offer of $5,605.25 is respectfully rejected.

Thanking you for your proposal, I am,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O'R-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 17, 1918.

Mr. Ben Grimes,
242 Century Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your proposal dated January 7th, covering certain machinery in the Mint at Denver which has been offered for sale. Your certified check in the amount of $452.50 is returned herewith. Your offer of $4,525.00 is respectfully rejected.

Thanking you for your proposal, I am,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O'R-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 17, 1918.

Messrs. Radetsky & Kenyon,
439 Lorimer Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your proposal dated January 11th, covering certain machinery in the Mint at Denver which has been offered for sale. Your certified check in the amount of $825.50 is returned herewith. Your offer of $8,255.00 is respectfully rejected.

Thanking you for your proposal, I am,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O'R-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 18, 1916.

Hon. E. C. Little,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 16th instant I have taken pleasure in forwarding to Captain J. C. Collins, Paola, Kansas, a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the Fiscal Year 1917.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 18, 1918.

Mr. John F. Harman,

59 Cedar Street,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Harman:

Please accept my thanks for the memorandum you sent me "Silver, Future Money of the World. I have read the article with much interest and appreciate your sending it to me.

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

RTB-JLS

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 18, 1918.

Mr. John E. Williams,
Pennsylvania Smelting Company,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 3rd instant relative to the limited supply of gas available for your purposes. I regret very much that, under present conditions, I know of no way in which I could be of assistance to you.

I have in mind your very courteous response to our annual inquiries when we are compiling the estimate of the production of the precious metals, and would very gladly serve you if it were in my power.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 19, 1918.

Dear Judge Elliott:

The quarter dollar enclosed in your letter of the 19th is one made from dies of an altered design from that originally accepted when the change was made in the twenty-five cent piece.

As first issued the figure of the eagle was lower down on the coin, and the stars were on each side. The second design carries the eagle nearer to the center of the coin, and there are three stars under the eagle.

The change was authorized by act of Congress approved July 9th, 1917.

Sincerely yours,

Hon. M. C. Elliott,
Counsel Federal Reserve Board.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 18, 1918.

Mr. William J. McCourt,
Superintendent of Water Bureau,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 2nd instant, presented through Mr. Sullivan, regarding an alloy for coins, and other purposes of the government, has been read with much interest.

An act of Congress would be required to permit any change in the alloy of our coins. Should such legislation be undertaken I will be glad to refer to your letter.

The specimen pieces are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 19, 1918.

Mr. M. J. Mooney,

5844 Wyandotte Street,

Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I regret exceedingly that there are no vacancies at the present time in the Mint Service as Assayer or Chemist. Should a vacancy arise, I shall be very glad to communicate with you.

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

RTB-JLS

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 19, 1918.

My dear Mr. Ford:

I am enclosing you herewith a letter received from Captain Chas. E. Speaks, U. S. Army, which is self explanatory. I feel sure that if there is an opportunity of doing anything to assist his mother, you will be only too glad to do so.

Hoping to hear from you, and with assurances of my appreciation, I am,

Yours very truly,

R. B. Bennett

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Cornelius Ford,
Public Printer, G. P. O.,
Washington, D. C.

Enclosure.

RTB-JLS

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 19, 1918.

Mr. D. K. Thompson,
615 Dresden Avenue,
East Liverpool, Ohio.

Sir:

A package received from you to-day, without letter of transmittal, containing scrap jewelry, has been forwarded to the Assay Office of the United States at New York, there being no place in Washington where such material is treated by the Government.

The Superintendent of the Assay Office is not required to receive deposits of less value than $100. He will, however, in this case, be requested to receive your deposit. Payment will be made to you by check on the Treasurer of the United States after charges are deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 17, 1918.

American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm my telegram of the 16th instant and to request that you ship to the United States Mint at San Francisco one hundred thousand (100,000) ounces of silver at the rate of ninety-five and five-eighths (95-5/8) cents per fine ounce, f. o. b. that Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

JHC-JLS

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 17, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm conversation over the telephone this day and to request that you ship to the Mint at Philadelphia one hundred and fifty thousand (150,000) ounces of silver, at ninety-four and seven-eighths (94-7/8) cents per fine ounce, f. o. b. that Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

JHC-JLS

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 17, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm conversation over the telephone this day and to request that you ship to the Mint at San Francisco one hundred thousand (100,000) ounces of silver, at the rate of ninety-five and one-eighth (95-1/8) cents per fine ounce, f. o. b. that Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

JHC-JLS

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 19, 1918.

Zimmerman & Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone conversation had with you on January 18th and to request that you ship to the Mint at Philadelphia one hundred thousand (100,000) ounces of silver, at the rate of ninety-four and seven-eighths (94-7/8) cents per fine ounce, f.o.b. that Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

JHC-JLS

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 19, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 16th, in which you ask whether Mexican silver half dollars, called Tostones, eight hundred (800) fine, will be accepted in lots of from ten to fifty thousand pesos when applied to purchases of silver made by this Bureau, is at hand, and in reply I beg to advise you that as I am now informed, I do not believe these Tostones are as desirable as the peso. The matter has been submitted to the Superintendent of the Mint, at Philadelphia, and I will advise you what he has to say with regard to them.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-JLS

Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1918

The Druid Oak Belting Company, January 21, 1918. xxxx

111-13 East Lombard Street, Baltimore, Md.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

6506	Belting, Leather, (a) Flat (1) Plain				
	3 inches wide, 20 feet long	20	ft	$0.72	$14 40
	Less 46%				6 91
					7 49

Director of the Mint

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 22, 1918.

Independent Electric Machinery Co.,
1917 Central Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I beg to return herewith your check for five hundred (500) dollars, being ten per cent. of the amount bid by you on machinery in the Mint at Denver. Your offer is respectfully declined.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O'R-JLS
Enclosure
Check.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 22, 1918.

The Denver Metal Company,
Third and Larimer Streets,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 12th, enclosing a check for $200.00, in addition to the check sent by you on January 10th. The check is returned herewith and your bid respectfully declined.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint,

O'R-JLS

Enclosure

Check.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 21, 1918.

Mr. J. W. Canaham,

Care The Chickasha Cotton Oil Company,

Chickasha, Okla.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 14th, I beg to state that the Mints and Assay Offices receive old gold and silver in quantities valued at $100.00 and over. The value of the silver to which you refer in your letter would not be sufficient to constitute a deposit at one of the Institutions of the Mint Service. We would be required by law to impose certain charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes, and these charges would reduce the net proceeds to such an extent that I would suggest you might receive more for the silver by offering it to a local jeweler or silverware dealer.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O'R-jls

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 21, 1918.

Mr. W. M. Hopkins,

Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 14th, which I have read with much interest, I beg to advise you that an Act of Congress would be required for the issue of a 6-cent piece.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O'R-JLS

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 22, 1918.

Mr. T. B. Phillips,

Belleaire, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 18th, you are advised that the issue of a gold dollar would require an Act of Congress.

Thanking you for your interest, I am,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O'R-JLS.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 21, 1918.

Mr. L. A. Sargeant,

741 Chestnut Street,

Manchester, New Hampshire.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date, I beg to submit the following:

The $20.00 gold pieces and $10.00 gold pieces were designed by Augustus Saint Gaudins; The $5.00 gold piece and the $2.50 gold piece by Bela L. Pratt: The silver dollar by Mr. George Morgan; The 50 cent piece and the dime by Mr. Weinman; The 25 cent piece by Mr. MacNeil; The 5 cent nickel piece by Mr. James Fraser; The one cent piece by Mr. Vicotr Brunner.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O'R-JLS

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 22, 1918.

Dr. Walter R. Riley,

East Greenwich, Rhode Island.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant, I beg to advise you that the amount of mercury remaining after the excess had been expressed would depend upon the pressure applied, and the amount of the metals in the amalgamated alloys cannot be figured without knowing the amount of mercury remaining.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O'R-JLS

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 22, 1918.

Dr. F. E. Aspinwall,
Box 88, Route 1,
La Grange, Ky.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 18th, I beg to state that no legislation has been enacted authorizing the coinage of the two and one-half cent piece.

Again thanking you for your interest in this subject, I am,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O'R-JLS

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 22, 1918.

Mr. E. O. Dillow,

511 First Avenue, South,

Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 15th, you are advised that no silver dollars have been coined since 1904.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O'R-JLS

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 22, 1918.

Welte & Wieting,
112 S. Adams Street,
Peoria, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of January 16th, I beg to advise you that old silver spoons, etc., are purchased by the U. S. Assay Office, at New York, in quantities valued at $100.00 or over and the silver paid for at the current market price, which is today about 95 cents per fine ounce. The charge for fitting such metal for coinage purposes is deducted from the value of the deposit.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O'R-JLS

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 22, 1918.

Welte & Wieting,
112 S. Adams Street,
Peoria, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of January 16th, I beg to advise you that old silver spoons, etc., are purchased by the U. S. Assay Office, at New York, in quantities valued at $100.00 or over and the silver paid for at the current market price, which is today about 95 cents per fine ounce. The charge for fitting such metal for coinage purposes is deducted from the value of the deposit.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O'R-JLS

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 22, 1918.

Mr. Randal Kent,

18 Central Avenue, West,

Orlando, Florida.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 16th, enclosing sketch of a two and one-half cent piece. No legislation has as yet been enacted authorizing the coinage of a two and one-half cent coin.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I am,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O'R-JLS

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 22, 1918.

Miss Lucile Rosenthal,
1768 Bergen Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Madam:

Replying to your card of the 16th instant, you are advised that there are two types of current quarter dollars. The original dies were altered so as to improve the artistic appearance of the coin. The coin with the three stars under the eagle is the later design and the only one now being issued.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O'R-JLS

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 22, 1918.

Dr. O. Draper Phelps,
452 Main Street,
Worcester, Massachusetts.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 19th, I beg to advise you that the medal you describe would be received at the Mint, in Philadelphia, and paid for by check on the Treasury of the United States after the same had been melted and assayed and the charge for fitting the material for coinage deducted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O'R-JLS

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 22, 1918.

Mr. Geo. W. Alexander,

Indianapolis, Ind.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the 18th instant I have to advise that the ratio on page 154 and average quotation of page 153 of the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1917 are averages of monthly ratios and daily quotations for the entire year, and that you would not be able to verify them from the incomplete figures given in the report.

The value of a fine ounce of silver, on page 153, is the U. S. equivalent of the average English quotation. The English quotation is in pence per ounce 925/1000 fine, while the U. S. equivalent is in cents per ounce 1000/1000 fine.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 22, 1918.

H. R. A. Grieser, Esq.,
29 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of January 19th, I beg to advise you that the statement of values of foreign coins, issued by this Bureau for the years 1881 to 1885 inclusive, shows the value of the Mexican dollar to be as follows:

1881	$0.894
1882	.894
1883	.882
1884	.875
1885	.864

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

SBF-JLS

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 23, 1918.

Zimmerman & Forshay,
9-11 Wall Street,
New York City.

Sirs:

I beg to confirm conversation had with you over the telephone today, and to request that you ship to the Mint at Philadelphia two hundred thousand (200,000) ounces of silver, at the rate of ninety--two and three--eighths (92-3/8) cents per fine ounce, f.o.b. Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-JLS

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 23, 1918.

W. Cleveland Monson, Esq.,
200 West 86th Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your memorandum of January 16th, relative to the issue of a coin to be known as the "Liberty Penny", I beg to advise you that an Act of Congress would be required for the issue of any other coin than those now in circulation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O'R-JLS

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 23, 1918.

Mrs. I. E. Blanchard,

Mayville, P. O., New York.

Madam:

Your letter of January 17th, together with package containing specimen of clay, has been received. The above have been forwarded to the Bureau of Mines, Interior Department. The clay represented by the specimen would not be available for use by the Mint Service.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O'R-JLS

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 24, 1918.

Admiral Samuel McGowan, U. S. N.,
Paymaster General of the Navy,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Your letter of January 9, relative to sheet and bar silver desired for use at the Navy Yard at Norfolk, was referred to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

The Superintendent states that the price of preparing silver sheets and rods as given in your letter would be $40.33. This does not include the cost of silver nor any delivery charges.

The quantity of silver required is 1,308.00 ounces, in addition to which about 1.50 ounces should be allowed for wastage. The silver to be used would be charged for at the current market rate. Silver is today approximately 95 cents per ounce.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

O'R-JLS

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 24, 1918.

Mr. R. J. Miller,

Gregory, Texas.

Sir:

At the request of Hon. John N. Garner, I am forwarding to you today copy of the coinage laws, and also copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1917.

These two publications will give you the information you desire relative to coinage and the amount of bullion consumed by the same.

Respectfully,

acting F. E. Chaffin

Director of the Mint.

O*S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 24, 1918.

Auditor for the Treasury Dept.,
Auditor's Building,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, pertaining to the electric contract with the Philadelphia Electric Company.

In this connection, I beg to request that a transfer settlement be made, charging the appropriation "Contingent Expenses Mint at Philadelphia, 1918" and crediting the same appropriation for 1917 in the sum of $452.03, being amount erroneously charged to the 1917 appropriation on September voucher 955 in the accounts of A. M. Joyce, Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully,

F. A. Ringler
Director of the Mint.

F-S
Enclosure.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 24, 1918.

Mr. D. J. Tompkins,
Pres., U. S. Guarantee Company,
111 Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 22nd, I beg to advise you that Mr. Albert E. Baillie, watchman in the Assay Office at New York resigned his position May 15, 1917.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 24, 1918.

Automat Company of New England,
40 Winchester Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Sirs:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 22nd, enclosing mutilated coins.

In reply, I beg to advise you that minor coin that is so defaced as not to be readily identified, or those punched or clipped, cannot be redeemed by the Treasury. Pieces that are stamped, bent or twisted out of shape or otherwise imperfect, but showing no material loss of metal, are redeemed at face value. The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia will receive silver and minor coins, in quantities of one pound and over, in the condition of those enclosed by you, and pay for them at their bullion value at the current market price of the metal on the day the coins are received.

The mutilated coins enclosed in your letter are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-S

Enclosure.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 24, 1918.

The World Almanac, Editorial Dept.,
Room 1605, Pulitzer Building,
Park Row, New York City.

Sirs:

Complying with your request of the 22nd instant, I am returning herewith page from the Statistical Abstract carrying the figures for the year 1917, as well as amendments in the figures for prior years.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S

Enclosure.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 24, 1918.

Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

With reference to page 539 of the 1916 Statistical Abstract, amended copy of which was recently returned to your office carrying the figures for the year 1917, it is requested that the 1917 ratio of silver to gold be changed from 23.31 to 23.09.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN: Washington,

January 25, 1918.

American Smelting & Refining Co.,

New York City.

Your offer of silver respectfully declined.

Baker

Director Mint.

BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Expenses, Office Director of Mint.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 24, 1918.

Hon. Henry F. Ashurst,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Seantor Ashurst:

I have your letter of January 17th, written in behalf of Miss McEvoy. I have forwarded your letter to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia and trust he will able to act favorably upon your request. I will take pleasure in approving his recommendation for the re-appointment of Miss McEvoy.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

O-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 24, 1918.

National Bank of Savannah,
Savannah, Georgia.

Sirs:

Your telegram of the 23rd, addressed to the Treasury Department, has been referred to this Bureau.

Replying, I beg to state that the act of July 9, 1917, authorized the modification of the original design of the quarter dollar. The present model is that with the three stars under the eagle. Several thousand dollars in quarter dollars of the original design, with the eagle low down on the surface of the coin and with the stars beneath, are in circulation.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scaffer
Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 24, 1918.

Assistant Cashier,

Federal Reserve Bank,

New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 23rd, I beg to advise you that during the calendar year 1916 double eagles and half eagles were coined at the Mint of the United States in San Francisco. During the calendar year 1917 no regular gold coins were minted. McKinley gold dollars were manufactured during the years 1916-17 in the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Ag F A Ruffin

Director of the Mint.

O-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 25, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Sirs:

Please again refer to your letter of January 16th, with reference to applying certain quantities of Mexican silver half dollars, of the fineness of eight hundred (800), against purchases of silver made by this Bureau, and to my letter of January 19th, and in reply thereto. I have investigated this matter through the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, and find that the difference in fineness of the Mexican silver half dollar and our standard is such that, if this metal were cast directly into ingots, it would require the addition of considerable silver and unusual calculation, all of which consumes extra time and increases the chance for re-melts.

The fineness of the Mexican peso is such that we can with safety cast them into ingots on the first melt. This procedure expedites settlements for purchases, owing to the capacity of the ingot melting room. Foreign silver coins of 800 fine are treated as ordinary deposits and handled in the deposit melting room. The capacity of that room, in addition to present deposits is about 6,000 ounces daily, which would necessarily cause delay in settlements.

The refining charge for all foreign silver coin, with but one precious metal present, and base being copper, suitable for allow purposes, is one half cent per ounce, but on special purchases foreign coin of approximately 900 fine is more desirable than other finenesses, considering the extra expense and time necessary to prepare metal of lower finenesses for coinage purposes. I would not feel justified in paying the same price for the lower grade metal.

Respectfully,

F. E. Crafts
Acting Director of the Mint.

C-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 25, 1918.

Mr. E. R. Sibert,
Sibert Chuck Company, Inc.,
Dayton, Ohio, Box 626.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 19th, I beg to advise you that there is no law that prohibits the mutilation or destruction of gold or silver coin to such an extent that they cannot be restored to circulation as coins. Section 5459, R. S., prohibits the fraudulent mutilation of coins and their restoration to circulation as such.

Respectfully,

F. E. Onstfin
Director of the Mint.

O-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 26, 1918.

Mr. G. W. Freeman, Cashier,
The Planters National Bank,
Bennettsville, S. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 24th of January, you are advised that there are two types of current quarter dollars. The original dies were altered so as to improve the artistic appearance of the coin. The coin with the three stars under the eagle is the later design and the only one now being issued.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

C-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 28, 1918.

The Auditor for the Treasury.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith contracts made by the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver covering supplies for the fiscal year 1918, with the following firms, duly approved by the Secretary of the Treasury:-

Denver Iron Works and Foundry Co.
Continental Oil Company.
Colorado Ice and Cold Storage Co.
Colorado Laundry
Western Chemical Mg. Co.
Jonathan Bartley Crucible Co.
Adam Ross.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 28, 1918.

Mr. Edw. Walters,

7411 Sharp Avenue,

St. Louis, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date, I beg to advise you that the Government pays no premium upon any issue of coins and does not issue a catalogue covering the value of old coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 28, 1918.

Dr. Walter R. Riley,
East Greenwich, Rhode Island.

Sir;

Replying to your letter of recent date, I beg to submit the following:

If seven pints of mercury are mixed with five pints of an alloy of the following composition:-

Platinum.....	5%
Gold.....	5%
Silver.....	45%
Tin.....	45%

Then 44½ ounces of the mixture will contain:-

Platinum	.927	oz.
Gold	.927	"
Silver	8.344	"
Tin	8.344	"

If seven pints of mercury are mixed with five pints of any alloy containing 67% of silver, 82 oz. of the mixture will contain 22.693 oz. of silver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 28, 1918.

MacGovern & Company,
114 Liberty Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of January 22nd, I beg to state that all bids received on the equipment at Denver have been rejected.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 28, 1918.

Mr. M. J. Sheehan,
El Dorado Division, No. 525,
Eldorado, Arkansas.

Sir:

In accordance with request contained in your letter of January 21st, I am returning herewith specimen sent by you. I regret that there is no institution connected with the Government in Washington where assays are made for the public.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
O-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Washington,

January 29, 1918.

American Smelting & Refining Co.,

120 Broadway,

New York City.

Accept your offer one hundred thousand ounces silver at ninety and one-eighth cents delivered San Francisco Mint.

Director ~~of the Mint.~~

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Expenses, Office Director of Mint.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 29, 1918.

Dr. Walter R. Riley,
East Greenwich, Rhode Island.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find copy of letter correcting discrepancies in our letter to you under date of January 28th. I regret very much any inconvenience or annoyance that these oversights may have occasioned you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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DIRECTOR OF THE MINT

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1918.

Jan. 29, 1918.

Publishers of The Times

New York City

Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

The Times, daily, February 1 to June 30, 1918 One

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 29, 1918.

Mr. Joseph T. Brady,
81 Fulton Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 26th, I beg to advise that at the average New York dealer's buying price of silver during the calendar year 1917 - $0.82349 - the value of the preliminary estimate of silver produced in the country during that year is $61,139,603.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 29, 1918.

Hon. C. W. Hamlin,

House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman Hamlin:

I have your letter of January 28th, enclosing a clipping relative to the melting of silver dollars. No policy has been determined upon relative to fixing the price of silver or disposing of the silver dollars now in the Treasury.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 29, 1918.

Dr. Burt Abell,
1307 Second National Bank Building,
Toledo, Ohio.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of January 26th, I beg to inform you that there is no law which prohibits the defacement of gold coin for use in the arts and sciences. The practice is discouraged by the Government, however, on account of the wastefulness with regard to the cost of coinage. There is a penalty attached to defacing the coin fraudulently and replacing it in circulation after its legal weight has been reduced.

Respectfully,

L. E. Baltz

Director of the Mint.

O-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 29, 1918.

Mr. H. L. Newbold,
Cashier, The National Bank of Lumberton,
Lumberton, North Carolina.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 26th, you are advised that two types of quarter dollars are now in circulation. The coin with the three stars under the eagle is the later design. The modification was authorized by Congress for the purpose of improving the artistic appearance of the coin, and this is the only one now being minted. Both types of coin are legal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 29, 1918.

The Assistant Cashier,
National Park Bank,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 25th, relative to coinage for the Government of Salvador, I beg to advise you that it would be impracticable for us to undertake any further coinage for foreign Governments for an indefinite period.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 29, 1918.

The Denver Metal Company,
Thirteenth and Larimer Streets,
Denver, Colorado.

Sirs:

Replying to your letter of January 23rd, I beg to state that your second bid and the accompany certified check was taken into consideration when the offers for the machinery at Denver were reconsidered. The check was returned to you under date of January 22nd. All bids received have been rejected.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 29, 1918.

Mrs. S. J. Gifford,
Republic, County of Ferry,
Washington.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of January 20th, I beg to advise you that this Department has no facilities for making an investigation of the mine you describe. Your letter has been read with much interest and will be placed on file, and should occasion arise, we will take the matter up further.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 28, 1918.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street,
New York City.

Sirs:

I beg to confirm verbal conversation had with your Mr. Scully, and to request that you ship to the Mint at Philadelphia 150,000 ounces of silver, at the rate of 91-7/8 cents per fine ounce, f. o. b. that Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 29, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Sirs:

I beg to confirm my telephone conversation with you of this day, and request that you ship to the Mint at Philadelphia two hundred and fifty thousand (250,000) ounces of silver, at the rate of ninety-one and three-quarters (91-3/4) cents per fine ounce, f. o. b. that Institution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C--S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 29, 1918.

Mr. Lewis H. Lawton,
Sec., Jonathan Bartley Crucible Co.,
Oxford Street,
Trenton, New Jersey.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 25th, soliciting an order for twenty-five crucibles, sizes 70, 80 or 100, from the Mint at Philadelphia or the New York Assay Office, and in reply I beg to advise you that all graphite goods are bought on proposals. I have, therefore, requested the offices referred to afford you the opportunity to bid on any graphite goods that they may require in the future.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 30, 1918.

Handy & Harman,

59 Cedar Street,

New York City.

Sirs:

I beg to confirm telephone conversation had with you on this day and to request that you ship to the Mint at Philadelphia one hundred and twenty-five thousand (125,000) ounces of silver, at the rate of ninety-one (91) cents per fine ounce, f. o. b. that Institution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 29, 1918.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
9-11 Broadway,
New York City.

Sirs:

I beg to confirm conversation had with you over the telephone today and to request that you ship to the Mint at Philadelphia one hundred thousand ounces of silver, at the rate of ninety-one and three-quarter cents per fine ounce, f. o. b. that institution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

January 31, 1918.

Mrs. G. Sherwood,
Freeport, Long Island.

Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th instant, relative to a sample of coal sent by you. The package containing the specimen has been referred to the Fuel Administration.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

February 1, 1918.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Sirs:

I beg to confirm your telegram of even date and to request that you ship to the Mint at Denver one hundred thousand (100,000) ounces of silver, at the rate of eighty-nine and five-eighths (89-5/8) cents per fine ounce, f. o. b. that institution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

February 1, 1918.

Mr. F. E. Cooper,
Editor, The World,
Almanac Editorial Dept.,
Pulitzer Building,
Park Row, New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 29th, the Report of the Director of the Mint gives the total coinage for the year 1839 as $3,617,912.31.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

February 1, 1918.

Mr. J. H. McMurray,
710 Polk Building,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 26th, I beg to advise you that the book entitled "Catalogue of Coin, Tokens and Medals" is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., at $1.00 per copy.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

February 1, 1918.

Hon. E. Y. Webb,

House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

Your letter of January 30th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has by him been referred to this office for attention. Your letter, together with that of Mrs. Gordon Finger, Chairman of the Soldiers' Relief Committee, Woman's Club, Charlotte, N. C., has been referred to the supervising architect for attention as to disposal of unused furniture in the Government building at Charlotte.

All of the equipment belonging to the assay office was removed from the building at the time the same was turned over to the supervising architect, and that officer would now have jurisdiction over any furniture or fixtures in the building.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

O-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

February 1, 1918.

Mrs. A. O. Potter,

Franklin, Delaware County, New York.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of January 29th, I beg to advise you that if you will send the old gold and silver which has been contributed for war relief work to the United States Assay Office at New York City, a check for the value of the gold and silver contents will be transmitted to you. The charges for fitting the material for coinage purpose, which are nominal in amount, will be deducted from the value of the deposit.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

February 1, 1918.

Miss Lena Spielmann,
Care United Button Company,
50 Union Square,
New York City.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of January 31st, I beg to advise you that there are two types of quarter dollar in circulation. Both are genuine. The coin now being issued has the stars under the eagle. The dies were modified to improve the artistic appearance of the coin.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

February 1, 1918.

Dr. Marcus Benjamin,
National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Benjamin:

I take pleasure in forwarding herewith two medals; one of President Taft and one of President Wilson, to complete the collection of presidential medals at the Museum. This is in accordance with your request over the telephone of a few days ago.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

O-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

February 1, 1918.

The Director
of the Bureau of Standards,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am forwarding herewith weights to be used at the meeting of the Annual Assay Commission, with the request that the same be tested and returned to this Bureau in time for the meeting of the Commission, February 13, 1918.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

February 2, 1916.

Mr. Paul N. Lackritz,
1314 Milwaukee Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

This office is in receipt of a package from you containing one bar and one retort of gold bullion, but no letter accompanied the package. Same has been forwarded to the Assay Office at New York with the request that they treat the bullion and forward check, less treatment charges, for its value to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

February 4, 1918.

Mr. H. L. Rose,

Cashier, Webb City Bank,

Webb City, Missouri.

Sir:

Your letter of January 28th, addressed to the Director of the Mint, Philadelphia, has been referred to this Bureau.

Replying, I beg to advise you that the Mexican pesos will be received at the Mint in Philadelphia and paid for at the official price of silver on the day they are presented. You understand that the pesos will be purchased as bullion, and charge for fitting them for our coinage purposes will be deducted from the value of the silver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 2, 1918.

Mr. W. H. Abbott,
143 West 42nd Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 31st ultimo I beg to advise you that the medals of the President are sold by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia at $1.00 each.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ITTEN:

Washington,

Baxter

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ENT RATES.
SURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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February 6, 1916.

Mr. William M. Porter,
327 Webb Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

Your letter of January 14th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the development of a gold mine, has been referred to this Bureau for reply.

I regret that there is no appropriation at the disposal of the Government for utilization in the work you describe. I am unable to advise you as to the source of possible financial assistance in carrying on the work of development of your property.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 6, 1918.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that the Commission to test the weight and fineness of the coins reserved by the several Mints of the United States during the calendar year 1917 will meet at the Mint at Philadelphia on the 13th instant at 10 o'clock a. m. As prescribed by Sec. 3547 of the Revised Statutes, you, as Assayer of the New York Assay Office, are an ex-officio member of this Annual Assay Commission.

Will you kindly advise me at your earliest convenience as to your ability to attend the sessions of the Commission?

For your information I enclose a pamphlet containing the laws relating to the Annual Assay, the Rules for Organization and the proceedings of the last Commission.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Mr. George R. Comings,
United States Assay Office,
New York City.

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February 6, 1918.

Wells Fargo & Company Express,

Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

Bill of Lading No. 92186, pertaining to your bill No. TD11-1117, is returned herewith for signature of the consignee. Bill of Lading No. 130672, pertaining to your bill No. TD15-1117, is also returned for the signature of the consignee. Bill of Lading No. 130787, pertaining to your bill No. TD16-1117, is also returned, for completion by insertion of the number of pounds received by the consignee.

Your bills noted above will be held in this office pending return of completed bills of lading.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

February 6, 1918.

Mr. C. F. Strange,
1610 Ovid Street,
Houston, Texas.

Sir:

This office is in receipt of box containing one bar of silver bullion. Same has been referred to the U. S. Assay Office at New York City, and they will send you check for value of same after making the usual reductions to cover charge for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

February 7, 1918.

Mr. I. T. Curd,
1809 Ashland Avenue,
St. Joseph, Missouri.

Sir:

This office is in receipt of a package containing an assortment of old gold and silver articles. As no communication accompanied the package, we presumed that you are desirous of receiving a remittance for the value of same and, accordingly, we have the referred the matter to the United States Assay Office, at New York City, for attention. They have made arrangement to accept deposits of gold and silver and will communicate with you direct concerning the value of the metal you have deposited.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RE WRITTEN:

Washington,

February 7, 1918.

Mr. H. B. Amidon,
Wichita, Kansas.

Sessions of Annual assay commission cover not more than three days from and including 13th instant.

Ray Baker

Director Mint

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.

AL BUSINESS.
VERNMENT RATES.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

February 7, 1918.

Mr. W. H. Chase,
Hanover, New Hampshire.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the gold ring forwarded by you and regret that we are unable to receive it and make return to you of the value. There is no place in Washington where such deposits are received by the Government.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

February 7, 1918.

Mr. A. Rowden King,
23-25 East Twenty-Sixth Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 4th instant I am sending you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint which shows the coinage for a series of years, and also a table giving the coinage for the last calendar year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

February 7, 1918.

Hon. Charles H. Sloan,
House of Representatives.

Dear Congressman Sloan:

Responding to your request of the 6th instant I have taken pleasure in forwarding to Hon. C. E. Allen, Beatrice, Nebraska, a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1917, and advising Mr. Allen that the Report was sent at your request.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

February 7, 1918.

Hon. James A. Reed,
United States Senate.

Dear Senator Reed:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant enclosing a letter from the Librarian of the Kansas City Polytechnic Institute.

The document requested, "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia, 1914" is a volume of about 700 pages, and is sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, at $1.00 per copy.

I regret we have no copies for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

February 8, 1918.

The Consul for Siam,
Siamese Consulate,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, and by him referred to this Office.

The proposed coinage for the Government of Siam has been taken up by the Minister of Siam accredited to this capital, through the State Department. I would respectfully suggest that the Minister may be able to communicate to you the charges to be imposed for the coinage, and the amount of metal required for the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

February 8, 1918.

Electric Equipment Co.,
P. O. Box 417,
Troy, N. Y.

Gentlemen;

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the specifications upon which bids have been invited, covering equipment at the Denver Mint which has been offered for sale.

All bids received upon the day named for the opening of the proposals were rejected. I will be glad to receive an offer from you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

February 8, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone acceptance of your offer of 200,000 ounces of silver for delivery to the Mint at Philadelphia at the rate of $0.89-5/8 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Bureau of the Mint

February 9, 1918.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of recent date I beg to say that there are two types of quarter dollars of new designs. The act of July 9, 1917, provided for the modification of the designs of the quarter dollars first issued in 1916, for the purpose of improving the artistic merit of the coins.

The modified design has the three stars under the eagle, and is the only type of quarter dollar now being issued from the Mints. There are several hundred thousand of the first type in circulation. Both are legal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

The Cashier,
Selma National Bank,
Selma, Alabama.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

February 8, 1918.

Aluminum Sign Co.,
Kewaunee, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant I beg to say that one cent pieces of the coinage of 1918 may be obtained by applying to the Treasurer of the United States, or any sub-treasury.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Feb. 11, 1918.

United Verde Copper Co.,

New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 4th inst. relative to inquiry of this office concerning the production of gold and silver during the calendar year 1917, beg to say that if you will let us have a close approximation of your figures, as suggested, by the middle of March, with any necessary corrections when the final figures are available, it will be much appreciated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

February 12, 1918.

Gentlemen:

I beg to refer to my letter of May 1, 1917, in relation to a series of tests which were being conducted in our laboratories upon a crucible made by Mr. William Dinwiddie. At that time Mr. Dinwiddie was having difficulty in procuring graphite, but, through your cooperation, he has, until recently, been able to procure sufficient graphite to carry on the manufacture of crucibles. He is again in the position of being unable to get any definite action in regard to a supply of graphite.

The crucibles made by Mr. Dinwiddie have been tried in the New York Assay Office with much success, and I am reliably informed that so far all crucibles manufactured by him have been used in Government work.

I am again taking the liberty of writing to you in behalf of Mr. Dinwiddie, and will deeply appreciate any assistance you may feel disposed to extend to him to enable him to obtain graphite to be used in the interest of the Government.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

J. F. Starkey & Co., Inc.,
11 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

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February 12, 1918.

Schwiger Brothers,
R F.D.No.1, Box 62A,
Bossburg, Washington.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith the package forwarded by you supposed to contain scraps of burned gold coin. I regret to advise you that the material was found upon examination not to be gold, and we are unable to receive it.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Feby 12 1918

Gentlemen:

I beg to refer to my letter of May 1,1917, in relation to a series of tests which were being conducted in our laboratories upon a crucible made by Mr William Dinwiddie. At that time Mr Dinwiddie was having difficulty in procuring graphite, but through your co-operation, he has, until recently, been able to procure sufficient graphite to carry on the manufacture of crucibles. He is again in the position of being unable to get any definite action in regard to a supply of graphite.

The crucibles made by Mr Dinwiddie have been tried in the New York Assay Office with much success, and I am reliably informed that so far all crucibles manufactured by him have been used in Government work.

I am again taking the liberty of writing to you in behalf of Mr Dinwiddie, and will deeply appreciate any assistance you may feel disposed to extend to him to enable him to obtain graphite to be used in the interest of the Government.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Henry W.Peabody & Co.,
17 State st.,
New York, N.Y.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Feby 12 1918

Handy and Harman
59 Cedar st.,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of January 29th addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia in relation to charges now imposed on Tostones has been referred to this office.

I have decided, after careful consideration of these charges, and have so instructed the Mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco and Denver, to waive the one-half cent refining charge on all foreign coin or bullion containing but one precious metal and base all copper suitable for alloy purposes where the fineness is of standard or better, but to impose the said charge on the same class of bullion where the fineness is under standard, which includes Mexican Tostones. The melting charges will remain as they now are.

Reapectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Feby 12 1918

Zimmermann and Forshay,
9-11 Wall st.,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I have this day instructed the Superintendents of the Mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco and Denver to receive foreign coin and bullion with but one precious metal present the base being all copper suitable for alloy purposes of standard fineness or better and to waive the one-half cent refining charge which has been imposed in the past.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Feb, 13, 1918.

Wells Fargo & Co., Express,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of the 9th instant concerning the enclosed bills for $3.49 and $4.97, may I suggest that, the material transported being silver coin, the silver tariff instead of the pound tariff is applicable.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scheffer

Acting Director Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Feb. 13, 1918.

Clarksburg Clinkering Co.,
Bridgeport, West Virginia.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of the 11th instant in response to my request for information concerning gold and silver product from material worked by you during 1917, may I suggest that without information as to the source of the material worked by you it will be impractical for me to trace to the state of production the product which the refinery at West Norfolk reports as having been obtained from material received from you.

I am therefore returning herewith the enclosures previously forwarded, with request that if you are not in position to give the information desired they be sent to your New York office or returned to this office with the address of the New York office. They were returned from New York on account of non-delivery.

Thanking you in advance for your continued co-operation, I am

Truly yours,

F. P. Gaudin

Acting Director Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

February 13, 1918.

The Chief of the Bureau
of Insular Affairs,
War Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, amounting to $23,950.44, covering the manufacture of 715,000 pesos in Philippine coin shipped on the 4th instant.

In payment of this account will you please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the following amounts to the appropriations for the support of the Mint at San Francisco, 1918:-

Wages of Workmen ----------	$15,966.96
Contingent Expenses ------	7,983.48

Respectfully,

F. A. Baffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

February 13, 1918.

Mr. Lucius Gooch,
First National Bank,
Palestine, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant I beg to say that the following is a formula which might be used in testing silver coins; it is presumed that you are desirous of finding a suitable means of doing such testing:-

24 grains nitrate of silver
30 drops nitric acid
1 oz. of water.

Respectfully,

F. D. Crafts

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

February 13, 1918.

The Cleveland Trust Company,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant I beg to advise you that old gold and silver, in quantities approximating $100 in value and over, will be received by the U. S. Assay Office, New York, and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States, less the charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

February 14, 1918.

Dear Colonel White:

In accordance with instructions received from Mr. B. M. Baruch of the War Industries Board, I have this day instructed the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York to deliver to the Ordnance Department of the Army four thousand (4,000) ounces of platinum.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Col. Alfred H. White, U. S. A.,
Ordnance Department,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Feb. 14, 1918.

Auditor for Treasury Department,

Washington.

Sir:

Herewith I am returning the claim of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. Co. forwarded with your letter of the 13th instant - LTZ.

Since the papers accompanying this claim appear to clearly establish the correctness of the weight for which payment is claimed, the mere changing of the bill of lading does not seem to be essential for the protection of the Government. However, if the Auditor is not satisfied that the weight vouchered is correct I will be pleased to return the account to the claimant for such further evidence as the Auditor may request.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1918.

Jackall Brothers, February 14 8.

623 H Street, N. E., Washington, D. C.

rector of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

4411 Acid, nitric; (b) C. P., sp. gr.1.42, 7-lb.

bottles, 10 bottles 70 lbs.$0.165 $11 55

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Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

Minor Coinage Metal Fund, Mint at Denver, 1918.
red Hardesty,
national Nickel Company, February 14 8.

Riggs Building, Washington, D. C.

intendent, U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado

	Per Lb.
Nickel for Minor Coinage Ten Tons	$0.4068

Director of the Mint

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February 14, 1918.

Mr. Edwardo Higginson,
Consul General of Peru,
Consulate General of Peru,
New York City.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 31st ultimo, relative to copper for the nickel coinage now being prepared for the Government of Peru, I beg to advise you that I have taken the matter up with the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, and would suggest the following:

Please request the United Metals Selling Company to submit to you a statement of the difficulty in shipping the metal, and forward the statement to the State Department for such action as will be necessary to release the metal to you. In the meantime, I have instructed the Mint at Philadelphia to do everything possible to anticipate the arrival of the metal and the hastening of the delivery of the coins to your agent.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RE WRITTEN:

Washington,

February 15, 1918.

American Smelting Refining Company,
New York City.

Your offer hundred thousand ounces silver delivered Denver eighty-nine five eighths accepted.

Baker

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.

CIAL BUSINESS.
OVERNMENT RATES.
GE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
2—6827
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN.

Washington,

February 16, 1918.

Mr. Calvin Page,
Portsmouth, N. H.

Letter notifying you of appointment to Assay Commission sent February 6th. Meeting of Commission adjourned fifteenth. Regret exceedingly delay in delivery of notification of appointment.

Ray Baker
Director of the Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.

CIAL BUSINESS.
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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

February 18, 1918.

Mr. Frederick C. McCormick,
Pay Clerk, Naval Reserve,
Norfolk Navy Yard,
Norfolk, Va.

My dear Fred:

I regret that I have been unable to answer your letter of the 18th ultimo before this date. I have been in Philadelphia on business and immediately upon my return took up your application with the Naval Reserve Flying Corps, and expect to hear any day of the status of your application.

It gave me great pleasure to file a letter of endorsement with the Supervisor of the Naval Reserve Flying Corps.

I have been unable to ascertain, so far, who will be on the medical board passing upon your physical qualifications. I will write to you again as soon as it is possible for me to get this information.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ray Baker

P. S. I have just received a telephone message from Ensign Randolph who informs me that your application has not as yet been filed with the Naval Reserve Flying Corps. The only record is my letter of recommendation. I advise you to file your application, together with your two other letters of endorsement. When this has been done please let me hear from you and I will take the matter up again.

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February 18, 1918.

Voland & Sons,
New Rochelle, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

This Bureau is to-day in receipt of the set of test weights furnished by you for the U. S. Mint at Carson, which have been passed upon by the Bureau of Standards.

Will you please transmit account for the weights to the Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint, Carson, on the enclosed form of voucher.

Thanking you for your attention to this order, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 18, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone acceptance of your offer of one hundred thousand ounces of silver to be delivered to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia at the rate of $0.89-3/8 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 18, 1918.

The Superviser,
Naval Reserve Flying Corps,
Navy Annex Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am informed that Fred. C. McCormick, at present a pay clerk in the Naval Reserve at Norfolk Navy Yard, has made application to be transferred to the Naval Reserve Flying Corps.

Mr. McCormick is a young man of sterling worth. I am sure if he is given an opportunity to serve in the Naval Reserve Flying Corps he will not only bring credit to himself but to the service.

Trusting that his application will receive full consideration, believe me,

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

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February 19, 1918.

Mr. James West,
Chief Scout Executive of the
Boy Scouts of America,
Fifth Avenue Building,
New York City.

Dear Mr. West:

Previous to the departure of Captain Speaks with the American Expeditionary Forces, he wrote to me regarding his Mother's position in the Government Printing Office. I addressed a letter to the Public Printer in behalf of Mrs. Speaks, and, in accordance with the wishes of Captain Speaks, I am transmitting to you a copy of the reply made to me by the Public Printer. If I can serve you further I will be glad to do so.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

February 19, 1918.

Clendenin Brothers,
Clendenin Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 14th instant relative to the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for copper. I have taken the matter up with the officer named and have been informed by him that he has made a payment within a few days.

The Deficiency Bill, which passed the House yesterday, carries an appropriation for the Mint at Philadelphia, and as soon as funds are available from that source the Superintendent will be able to make complete payment to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 19, 1916.

The Publishers,
Journal of the American Bankers Association,
5 Nassau Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Please forward to this Office four copies of the February issue of the Journal of the American Bankers Association, and render account on the enclosed form of voucher.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Feb. 19, 1918.

Goldsmith Brothers,

Heyworth Building, Chicago.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of report just received from you as to production during 1917 of gold and silver, with request that you kindly indicate in the upper left hand space the sources from which your material was received. This will aid materially in checking up the reports of other concerns and in avoiding duplication. I would particularly like to have further information concerning the material credited to "Other states" - if it is new material would like to learn the names of the firms from which received.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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February 19, 1918.

Hon. Joseph E. Ransdell,
United States Senate.

My dear Senator:

Your letter of the 9th instant, addressed to the President, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

I have taken up with the Assayer in Charge of the Mint at New Orleans the case of Mr. Roser, with a view to providing employment for him as a watchman. As soon as I receive a report from him as to the possibility of such an arrangement I will communicate with you.

There is no fund available for Mr. Roser's immediate employment, but it is possible that I can arrange with Mr. Magruder to take him on as a watchman within a few weeks.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 19, 1918.

Dear Mr. Magruder:

I am enclosing herewith a communication received from Senator Ransdell, through the White House, in regard to the employment of Mr. Lewis Roser. I am also enclosing a copy of a letter I have this day sent to the Senator, and will be obliged if you will advise me if it would be practicable to consider Mr. Roser for the position of watchman when the time comes to fill the position now vacant, and to remain vacant until we overtake the shortage in our wage appropriation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Kindly return the enclosures for our files.

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February 19, 1918.

Mr. Oliver Rodgers,
5 Newport Road,
Cambridge, Mass.

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the deposit of gold and silver at any post office, to be forwarded to a mint and the value converted into War Savings Stamps, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

Replying I beg to express my appreciation of your interest in the matter, and regret to advise you that it would be impracticable for the mints to receive small individual deposits. The value of each deposit received at a mint must be determined by melt and assay. The cost to the Government of such determinations would more than offset the value of small deposits.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Feb. 19, 1918.

National Zinc Co.,

Argentine, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

With reference to the note on enclosed form in reply to my inquiry of recent date for information relative to production of gold and silver in the United States in 1917, I beg to advise that while you do not produce any gold or silver some refining company will report such product from material received from you; therefore my desire to know the source and disposition of your material in order that I may trace the product back to the state in which mined.

May I therefore again request that you kindly provide the information on the enclosed blank - I have no record of such report from you for the period in question; perhaps you have in mind having furnished report to some other Bureau of the Government.

Very truly yours,

A. Director of the Mint.

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Feb. 19, 1918.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
Editor Engineering & Mining Journal,
10th Ave. & 36th St., New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 15th inst. I beg to advise that 84¢ is the average monthly New York selling price of bar silver per ounce for the calendar year 1917, as of about noon of each day. Handy & Harman's average of 81.417¢ covers the official quotation.

I trust that the above covers the information you are seeking.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 19, 1918.

Mr. George W. Fullerton,
3000 Vine Street
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant I beg to advise you that positions in the Mint Service, including those of engravers, are under Civil Service regulations. At present there is no vacancy in the Mint for which we are in need of candidates for appointment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 19, 1918.

Dr. O. H. Taft,
204 Macon Street,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant I beg to advise you that if you will send the dental scrap you have to the U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado, the Superintendent of that institution will remit to you the value of the gold and silver contents, less the charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. Payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Feb. 21, 1918.

Wells Fargo & Co. Express,

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith two bills of lading supporting your bill No. TD - 13 - 1217 for $3,601.51, forwarded to this office under date of Feb. 9th. B/L #140820 lacks the signature of the consignee, while B/L #140839 does not carry the delivered weight over the signature of the consignee. Your bill mentioned above will be held in this office pending return of the completed bills of lading.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 23, 1918.

Dear Senator Poindexter:

Your letter of the 28th ultimo, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing a letter from Mr. J. E. Chilberg, President of the Scandinavian American Bank, in reference to a memorandum received by him from Mr. Hathaway, an employee of the U. S. Assay Office at Seattle, covering appropriations in relation to the business of the Seattle Office, has been referred to this Bureau by the Secretary for attention.

I have looked into the matter carefully, and find that the appropriations made for the Seattle Office, and the estimates submitted to Congress for the coming fiscal year, are in proportion to the business of the Office named, and in the case of salaries, are larger than the amounts provided for the other minor offices. The salary of the Assayer in Charge is $2,750, while that of the Assayers in Charge of the other minor offices is $1,800. The Department has refrained from submitting to Congress requests for increases in salaries of employees of the Mints and Assay Offices at the present time; the amount asked for Contingent Expenses has been increased by me in the estimates on account of the additional cost of all supplies required.

The amounts provided by Congress from year to year have appeared to be sufficient for the satisfactory operation of the Office, and have permitted those in Charge to meet demands made upon it. As you are aware, the principal business of the Seattle office is confined to a few months in the year, but the salaries and wages of the men are paid at the same rate throughout the year.

I would further suggest that as the law clearly defines the work to be done by the United States Assay Offices, we are not privileged to extend the functions of such institutions.

Assuring you of my desire to do everything possible to encourage the development and usefulness of the Assay Office at Seattle, and to manifest the appreciation of the Department for the zeal of the employees attached to the office, and the important volume of business transacted by that institution, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Miles Poindexter
United States Senate.

Director of the Mint.

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February 23, 1918.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 18th instant I beg to advise you that the Act of July 9, 1917, authorized the modification of the designs of the quarter dollar which was first issued in 1916.

This was done to improve the artistic merits of the designs. The quarter dollar with the three stars under the eagle is the only type now being coined.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Mr. Z. E. Whitley,
Mail Order Clerk,
Rocky Mount, N. C.

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February 25, 1918.

Dr. Marcus Benjamin,
National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Benjamin:

I am returning herewith your expense account in connection with your trip to Philadelphia as a member of the Annual Assay Commission.

I regret that the item of war tax is not payable from Government funds. See notation on margin.

I have also to request that hotel bill be forwarded for attachment to the account to support the three days room charge.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 25, 1918.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm acceptance of 75,000 ounces of silver for delivery to the Mint at Philadelphia at the rate of $0.89-3/8 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 25, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm acceptance of your offer of 200,000 ounces of silver for delivery to the Mint at Philadelphia at the rate of $0.89-3/8 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Feb. 26, 1918.

Mr. S. I. Black,

Corn Exchange Bank,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In response to your inquiry of the 23d you are advised that the preliminary estimate of gold production in the United States during 1917 is 4,085,589 ounces, valued at $84,456,000.

The estimate of gold used in the arts during 1917 has not yet been made and will not be available for some time.

The only gold coined for the United States during 1917 was $10,114 of McKinley Memorial dollars.

Trusting that this information will meet your needs, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 26, 1918.

The Assistant Cashier,
The National Park Bank,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 20th instant I beg to say that I am unable to advise you as to a responsible corporation or firm who would undertake the execution of coinage proposed for Salvador.

I would be very glad to render you any assistance in my power, and regret that I am without knowledge of firms who have equipment for handling the coinage you refer to.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 27, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone acceptance of your offer made this day of 225,000 ounces of silver for delivery to the Mint at Philadelphia at the rate of $0.89-3/8 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

By [illegible]
Acting Director.

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February 27, 1918.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone acceptance of your offer made this day of 200,000 ounces of silver for delivery to the U.S. Mint, Philadelphia, at the rate of $0.89-3/8 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint,

By M. McReady

Acting Director.

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February 27, 1918.

Mr. Hugo Haneberg,
Vice President, Guarin-Ibero
American Corporation, Inc.
17 Battery Place,
New York City.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 7th of January, to which reply has been delayed in order to procure the required information, I beg to submit the following in reference to mint machinery for the Spanish Government;

Crucible steel, hardened and ground rolls for rolling mills, cost, approximately, $900.00 per pair. These rolls are manufactured by the Bethlehem Steel Company, Bethlehem, Pa.

Gear cutting apparatuses are manufactured by the Niles Tool Company, Hamilton, Ohio, and the Girvin Machine Company, New York, N. Y.

The following are the only three manufacturers in the United States which build mint machinery:

E. N. Bliss Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Ferracute Machine Co.m Bridgeton, N. J.
Waterbury Farrell Foundry & Machine Co.,
Waterbury, Conn.

As the Ferracute Machine Company of Bridgeton, N. J. have equipped several mints for the Chinese Government, they should be able to give full details on an installation of the character desired.

The following is a short description of the type and approximate cost of each machine used in the mints of the United States,-

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Gas melting furnace	$250.00
Electric Furnace	8,000.00
7-1/2" x 10-3/8" rolling mill	4,500.00
16" rolling mill	6,000.00
Annealing Furnace	2,000.00
Tumbling barrel	300.00
Coining press	5,000.00
Automatic weighing machine	4,000.00

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By W. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

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February 28, 1918.

Miss Ada L. Eastman,
Elmwood Avenue,
Portland, Maine.

Miss:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant, and of the package containing a specimen of sand.

A visual examination, and a slight acid test of the sand, show that the bright metal particles are brass and not gold. It hardly seems worth while to have them assayed, but if you will send two or three ounces to the Philadelphia Mint, with $1.00 to pay the cost, an assay will be made for you.

The sample of sand sent by you is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

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February. 28, 1918.

Mr. D. G. Greenleaf,
9 Mountain Avenue,
Port Jervis, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 20th ultimo, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred by him to this Office for reply.

The issue of coins of other denominations than those now in circulation would require an act of Congress. Your letter has been read with interest, and will be referred to in case legislation is undertaken.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By Minnie Reilly

Acting Director.

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February 28, 1918.

The Brown Instrument Company,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith account for porcelain tubes received this day. Will you please render your account on the enclosed form of voucher.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 28, 1918.

Mr. M. C. Hall,
909 N. Fremont Avenue,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 25th instant I beg to say that the United States Assay Office at New York City will receove deposits of old gold and silver in quantities approximating $100 and over, and pay for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States after charges are deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Material should be sent to the "Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office, New York City" either by express pre-paid, or by registered mail.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. McReilly

Acting Director.

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March 1, 1918.

Mrs. W. S. Smith, Treasurer,
84 College Street,
Montpelier, Vermont.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 23rd ultimo I beg to advise you that old gold and silver will be received by the Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office, New York City, in quantities approximating $100 in value, and over, and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States after deduction of charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. The charges are nominal, and only sufficient to cover the cost of materials used in melting and assaying the metals to determine their values.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By Miles Reiley

Acting Director.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 2, 1918.

Mr. S. I. Black,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In response to your inquiry of Feb. 28th I have to advise that the estimate of this office as to world production and consumption of gold during the calendar year 1917 will not be available until late in 1918.

However, in a comprehensive article on the subject, the Commercial and Financial Chronicle (New York) Feb. 2, 1918, page 431, estimates the production at $428,380,988. An estimate closely approximating this was also made by the London Mining Journal, Jan. 5, 1918, page 1. I know of no satisfactory estimate of industrial consumption; in normal years it probably was between $100,000,000 and $150,000,000, while in 1917 it doubtless was considerably less.

Respectfully,

M. McRae

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 2, 1918.

Miss Agnes Crouch,
Woodward, Iowa.

Miss:

Replying to your letter of the 20th ultimo, addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, and referred to this Bureau for reply, I beg to say that the U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado, will receive old gold and silver in quantities approximating $100 in value, and over, and pay for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States after deducting the cost of materials used for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint

By [illegible]

Acting Director.

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March 4, 1918.

Dear Congressman Ashbrook;

I am enclosing herewith your account for expenses in attending the annual assay commission and regret that I am obliged to request you to review the same in order to bring the account within the allowance provided by law for Government officials. I have caused to be noted on the margin the excess charges, together with the war tax which we are not allowed to charge to the Government. The accounts of members of the Commission who are not connected with the Government are not so strictly reviewed, and I am sorry that I am without authority to apply the same liberality to the accounts of the members of the Government.

Feeling sure that you will understand my position in the matter, and with personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. William A. Ashbrook,
House of Representatives.

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March 4, 1918.

Dear Dr. Kunz:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo and appreciate your very courteous reference to the general mint conditions.

The pressure of business in Washington forced me to return to my desk before the close of the sessions of the Commission, and prevented me from meeting you upon your arrival at the Mint. It was a gratification to me personally that you were able to give your time to the work of the Commission.

The account enclosed is returned with the request that the same be itemized as to separate amounts for car fare and Pullman accommodations, hotel and subsistence expenses. There is no question as to the amount of the account; the itemizing of the same will be looked for by the Auditor after record has been made in this Office. Otherwise I would not bother you.

With personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

Dr. George F. Kunz
New York City.

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March 4, 1918.

Hon. Stephen G. Porter,
House of Representatives.

Dear Congressman Porter:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th of February, received to-day, enclosing a letter from Mr. Russell Sandrock, relative to the quarter dollar.

Replying I beg to state that there are two types of the quarter dollar of new designs now in circulation. Those bearing the eagle in the center of the coin, with three stars underneath the eagle, are the only type now being coined. The designs of the coin as it appeared in the latter part of 1916, and the early part of 1917, were modified in accordance with the provisions of the act of July 9, 1917, for the purpose of improving the artistic merits of the coin.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 5, 1918.

Dear Mr. Rounds;

I am enclosing herewith your account for travel expenses in connection with the Assay Commission, with the request that you kindly review the same as to the number of days covered.

I regret to be required to trouble you about the matter, but we are held to account for items of expenditure in connection with the appropriations, and our accountants will need to be advised as to the sums to charge to each day for meals, the amount for hotel accommodations, and the amount for taxi hire and baggage seperately. The law allows us to cover the expenses of the Commissioners for the time required to reach Philadelphia, the time covered by the sessions of the Commission, and the time necessarily consumed in reaching home after the adjournment of the meetings of the Commission. Members of the Commission are not subject to the limitations placed by law upon employees of the Government, as it is recognized that the services rendered are gratuitous on the part of the Commissioners.

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I am sorry to have to bother you about the account, but believe you will appreciate my position in regard to it. I am enclosing a blank form of voucher, and will cause check to be sent to you immediately upon receipt of the revised account.

With personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Mr. William H. Rounds,
Sioux Falls, S. D.

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March 6, 1918.

Memorandum for Mr. Strauss.

Basing the estimate upon the coinage of United States nickels during the calendar year 1917, the Mints will require approximately 180,000 pounds of nickel, or 90 tons, for the coinage of 1918.

Director of the Mint.

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March 6, 1918.

Mr. G. W. C. Stone,
Chairman South St. Louis County
War Savings Committee,
410 W. Superior Street,
Duluth, Minn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant I beg to say that the U. S. Mint at Denver will receive the old gold and silver referred to in your letter, received in exchange for War Savings Stamps, and make payment by check on the Treasurer of the United States for the value of the gold and silver contents, less the charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. The gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per fine ounce, and the silver at the current market rate. Silver is to-day approximately 85 cents per fine ounce.

The charges imposed on such material are nominal, and merely sufficient to cover the cost of materials used by the Government offices for treating the metals.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 6, 1918.

Raritan Copper Works,
42 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen;

I am enclosing herewith copy of your report of productions of gold and silver during 1917, forwarded on the 1st instant. Will you kindly indicate the names of the states to which the material noted in the upper portion of the report is credited in the part on the lower left portion of the form under "Product"? This information is essential for tracing purposes.

Again thanking you for your co-operation, I am,

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

1 Enclosure.

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March 6, 1918.

Drs. Koser & Koser,
426-428 Market Street,
Williamsport, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 2nd, and thank you for your very generous offer of the platinum you have on hand. I regret that we will be unable to accept it from you at present.

Repeating my appreciation of your courtesy, I am,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 6, 1918.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bean,
Wautoma, Wisconsin.

My dear Mrs. Bean;

Replying to your letter of March 3rd, I beg to state that old silver in quantities approximating in value one hundred dollars ($100.) would be received at the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, and paid for at the market rate of silver, which is to-day approximately eighty-five cents ($.85). Payment for the material will be made by check on the Treasury of the United States, after charges for fitting material for coinage purposes have been deducted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 6, 1916.

Hon. Joseph E. Ransdell,
United States Senate.

Dear Senator Ransdell:

Referring to your letter of the 9th of February in behalf of Mr. Lewis Roser, a former employee of the Mint at New Orleans, I beg to say that I took the matter of his re-employment up with the Assayer in Charge of the Mint at New Orleans, and transcribe an excerpt from his letter in reply to me;

> "I was in the Mint when the accident to Mr. Roser occurred, and his statements relating to the same are correct, but since that time I regret to say, he has formed very intemperate habits and has become unreliable. He was tried as an elevator tender, then as night watchman, and finally relieved from duty by furlough."

As the Assayer in Charge of the Mint is held responsible for the property of the Government in his custody, I do not feel warranted in over-ruling his decision as to the desirability of giving Mr. Roser employment in the Mint. I regret exceedingly that I cannot make a more favorable reply to you, especially on account of the unfortunate circumstances involved in the case.

With personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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March 6, 1918.

Honorable R. H. Inglis Palgrave,
Henstead Hall,
Wrentham,
Suffolk, England.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 1st, together with your notes on the "Progress of Banking in Great Britain and Ireland during 1916" and also your translation of the Reports of the Banks of France, Germany, and the Netherlands for 1916.

Please accept my thanks for your courtesy in sending this very useful and valuable matter to us. It has been read with interest and will be of much service to us.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 7, 1918.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant relative to charges imposed on foreign coin received at the Mints, I beg to say that the charge of one-half cent for refining has been waived on foreign coin and bullion with but one of the precious metals present, the base of which is all copper, when the fineness of such coin is standard or better.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 7, 1918.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your offers of silver on Tuesdays and Fridays, I beg to say that this Office will be glad to receive proposals for the sale of silver on each day of the week that you have silver to offer.

Respectfully,

F. E. Baltz

Director of the Mint.

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March 7, 1918.

Mr. Harry Cooperman,
#74 Gay Street,
Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of March 3rd, I beg to advise you that old gold and silver scrap in quantities approximating one hundred dollars ($100.00) in value and over, will be received at the U. S. Assay Office, New York, and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after charges for preparing the metal for coinage purposes have been deducted. The deposit should be sent by mail or express prepaid.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 7, 1918.

Dear Mr. Baruch:

Referring to my conversation with you last night, I beg to submit herewith a list of concerns who used to bid on platinum at the New York Assay Office. This list may be of some assistance to you in connection with matters discussed last evening.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Mr. Bernard Baruch,
Chairman Advisory Commission,
Council of National Defense,
Washington, D. C.

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March 7, 1918.

Dr. Walter R. Riley,
East Greenwich, R. I.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 1st:- You have never supplied the necessary data to even approximate the amounts of gold, silver, and platinum contained in the scrap shipped by you to the Ney Company. In your first letter you said excess of mercury had been expressed, while the calculations given in my letter of January 28th were based upon all the mercury remaining in the amalgam in accordance with your second letter. Also you state that the amalgam had stood for some years.

The Mint Service does not buy platinum.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 8, 1918.

Honorable Charles F. Curry,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Curry:

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith check for $62.90 which represents the value of the gold content in specimen left by you at this office.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

1 Enclosure.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 9, 1918.

Mr. Calvin Page,
Portsmouth, N. H.

Dear Mr. Page:

Replying to your letter of March 5th, relative to the Assay Commission medals, I have this day taken up the matter with the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, and have been advised by him that the medals were sent out two days ago. I trust that the medal has reached you safely. Should it not arrive, please advise me and I will gladly make further inquiry of the Superintendent at Philadelphia.

With personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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March 9, 1918.

Honorable J. E. Harper,
Chief, Division of Appointments,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 6th, stating that the Civil Service Commission requested information as to the probable number of appointments to be made by the Department during the present calender year for all positions in the District of Columbia, I beg to state that the force of this Bureau is not likely to be increased.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 9, 1918.

Mr. S. B. Amidon,
Wichita, Kansas.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 7th instant, advising of a deduction we were compelled to make in your account, I beg to enclose herewith Department Circular No. 107, and also copy of the certificate referred to in the circular. The circular and exemption blank are submitted in order that you may make claim upon the Railroad Company for reimbursement of the amount of tax paid on tickets covering travel for the Government.

We regret that we could not adjust this matter in your account forwarded to this Bureau and that it will be necessary for you to make formal claim yourself upon the Railroad.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

2 Enclosures:
Dept. Cir. #107.
Exemption Cert.-Form 731.

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March 9, 1918.

Mr. L. L. Summers,
c/o War Industries Board,
Council of National Defense,
Raw Materials Division,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Summers:

Replying to your letter of March 4th, I beg to state that the United States Assay Office at New York is prepared to refine platinum for the use of the Government. I would suggest that you address the Superintendent of that institution as to the capacity of his plant for handling the platinum you describe.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 9, 1918.

Mr. F. P. Henry, Cashier,
Farmers & Merchants Bank,
Brashear, Missouri.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the two small pieces of gold, and regret that we cannot accept them as a deposit. The Mints are not required to receive deposits which do not approximate one hundred dollars ($100.00) in value. The charges for fitting such material for coinage purposes would more than offset the value of this metal returned herewith. There is no institution in Washington where such deposits are received.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosed:
2 small pieces
Gold.

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March 11, 1918.

Handy & Herman,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone acceptance of your offer of 50,000 ounces of silver for delivery to the Mint at Philadelphia at the rate of ninety and one-half cents per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 11, 1918.

To
The Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, amounting to $27,615,56, covering the manufacture of 802,000 pesos in Philippine coin. In payment of this account please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the following appropriations for the support of the mint at San Francisco for the year 1918:

Wages of Workmen, 1918 - - -	$ 18,410.38
Contingent Expenses, 1918 -	9,205.18
Total - -	$ 27,615.56

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

1 Encl.

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March 11, 1918.

Jos. Mayer & Bros.,
P. O. Box 1914,
Seattle, Washington.

Sirs:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 2nd relative to platinum. Your letter has been forwarded to the War Industries Board, Council of National Defense, Raw Materials Division, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 11, 1918.

Dr. George Kunz,
405 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Kunz:

In response to your letter of March 8th and request contained therein I have taken pleasure in asking to-day the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to forward to you two (2) copies of the Assay Commission medal, to be disposed of as suggested in your letter. As you are aware, we are not supposed to make gratuitous distribution of the Assay Commission medals, hence I am troubling you to dispose of them in your own way, as renewed requests from parties not of the Commission could not be acceded to.

With personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Dr. George F. Kunz.

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March 11, 1918.

Dr. F. E. Aspinwall,
La Grange, Kentucky.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 8th, relative to the coinage of two and a half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) cent pieces, as you are aware, an act of Congress would be required for authority to issue coins of another denomination than those now in circulation.

Thanking you for your interest, I am,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 12, 1918.

Mr. A. A. Tuerk,
249 East 25th St.,
Brooklyn, New York.

Sir:

In response to your request for information, which was referred to this office by the United States Geological Survey, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a statement of the production of gold in the Rand mining district for the period 1910 to 1913, inclusive.

The figures are in fine ounces; they may be reduced to value at the rate of $20.67183 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

1 Enclosure.

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PRODUCTION OF GOLD IN RAND MINING DISTRICT

1910 - 1913 Inclusive.

FINE OUNCES.

	1910	1911	1912	1913
anuary	579,743	625,826	709,280	760,981
ebruary	550,422	585,863	674,960	702,394
arch	581,699	649,247	796,755	760,324
pril	594,539	638,421	706,763	755,859
ay	606,724	658,196	746,948	761,349
une	598,339	657,023	722,588	716,267
uly	610,664	679,881	735,941	625,107
ugust	623,129	682,405	732,197	697,686
eptember	621,311	669,773	716,495	676,411
ctober	627,445	677,925	738,082	697,515
ovember	617,905	691,462	727,699	644,320
ecember	616,668	680,782	745,860	642,786
OTALS - - - -	7,228,588	7,896,802	8,753,568	8,430,998

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March 12, 1918.

The American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone acceptance of one hundred thousand (100,000) ounces of silver for delivery to the Mint at San Francisco, the rate to be ninety and one half cents ($.905) per fine ounce, plus the difference between the cost of delivery at Denver and the cost of delivery at San Francisco. Please advise the exact rate at which this silver is to be delivered to the Superintendent at San Francisco, in order that he may be instructed as to the amount to pay.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 12, 1918.

Mrs. Jennie Woodworth,
White Bluff, Tennessee.

Dear Mrs. Woodworth:

Your letter of February 12th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this office. I am returning herewith the bronze coins so kindly donated by you, and regret that I am unable to utilize them for the purpose you indicate.

Your generosity in sending them, and the spirit which prompted you to do so, are very much appreciated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure:
76 bronze coins.

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March 13, 1918.

Mr. Fred C. McCormack,
U. S. Navy Yard,
Norfolk, Virginia.
(Supply Department).

My dear Fred:

I have taken up the matter again in regard to the Medical Board, before which you will probably have medical examination on transfer from the Pay Corps to the Naval Reserve Flying Corps.

Please keep me fully advised as to when you will appear for examination, and the result of your examination.

Admiral Grayson will look into the matter for me.

What have you heard from Ensign Randolph? Please let me hear from you.

Yours very truly,

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March 15, 1918.

Capt. Ogden Annin, U. S. A.,
Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C.

My dear Ogden:

If you will recall I spoke to you on your last visit to Washington in regard to Private Charles H. Cooksey, Company Eye, 60th Infantry, Camp Greene.

Mr. Cooksey was born in Washington, graduated from the Georgetown Law School, with degrees of L.L.B. and L.L.D., and is a clean, bright, faithful, industrious, and patriotic boy. I am interested in his transfer to the Judge Advocate General's Department in any capacity, as I believe that he can serve better there than where he is at present. I took this matter up with General Crowder, who wrote a letter to Major Potter, when Cooksey was at Camp Meade, but before any action could be taken in regard to this matter, he was transferred to North Carolina. Wont you please take the matter up with the proper authorities there? I am sure that General Crowder would approve of this transfer, inasmuch as he wrote a letter, which I can get a copy of and forward to you, if you deem it necessary.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future, I am, with all good wishes to yourself and the new Mrs. Annin,

Sincerely yours,

R. Baker

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March 13, 1918.

Mr. Charles S. Sprague,
Goldfield, Nevada.

My dear Charlie:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th inst., expressing your appreciation in regard to Munro, and asking my assistance for your son-in-law, S. A. McCandless.

We are all very happy here to see Monro succeed in his ambition, and I know that he will make good in every respect.

I took up Mr McCandless' application, but have not received much encouragement, inasmuch as he is in the draft age, and they have shut down on granting commissions to those in the draft age at the present time.

At the first opportunity I shall be pleased to take the matter up again.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

R. E. Peary

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March 13, 1918.

Mr. Neal D. Leeper,
510 Main Avenue,
Spokane, Wash.

My dear Neal:

Many thanks for your generous letter, which reached me some time ago. I regret that, owing to the pressure of work here, I have not been able to answer it before this late day.

In regard to the twenty-five cent pieces, mentioned in your letter, I beg to state that both designs of the quarter have been issued by the Government. The latter design, with the three stars underneath the eagle, is the new design. I should be very glad if you would send the quarters you mention in your letter, so that I may inspect them, and I will be very glad to return them to you.

I regret exceedingly that I have no positions in my jurisdiction, which are not under the Civil Service.

I shall be pleased to hear from you from time to time, and if I can be of service to you in any way, it would be most gratifying.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

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March 13, 1918.

Mr. J. H. O'Neil,
Federal Trust Co.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. O'Neil:

I regret that I did not have a chance to chat with you in regard to the statement from Mr. Clark, which I am returning to you herewith.

There is no possibility of the Government considering the Gold Mining Industry as non-essential. Owing to war conditions, mining has been somewhat curtailed, and it is true that the cost of production has increased materially in the past two years on account of the scarcity of labor and the increased costs of chemicals and machinery.

I do not think that legislation at this time could be procured. My own impression is, that if legislation is enacted shortly in regard to fixing a fair price for silver, it will increase the mining industry, and I look for favorable legislation in regard to this matter in the near future.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

1 Enclosure.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 13, 1918.

Judge James G. Quinn,
Superior Court,
Oakland, California.

My dear Judge:

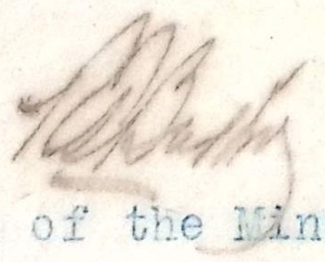
I am just in receipt of your letter in regard to Wm. R. Brackett, whom I remember very well, and shall be very pleased to help.

I regret that all the positions in my jurisdiction are under the Civil Service, with the exception of a few temporary employees, who became necessary on account of the heavy demand for coinage. I shall be very glad to help Brackett in any manner on your account, if the opportunity presents itself.

I wrote and asked you to look up my brother-in-law, Dr. J. D. Grissom, and feel sure that you can help him if you will talk to him. Please let me hear what you have done in this matter.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Director of the Mint.

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March 13, 1918.

Mr. John F. Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Harman:

I appreciate your generous thought in having a copy of " Silver, Its History and Romance ", sent to me. It will give me great pleasure to receive it.

Cordially yours,

R. W. Raby

Director of the Mint.

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March 13, 1918.

Judge E. M. Gibson,
615-19 First National Bank Bldg.,
Oakland, California.

My dear Judge:

I received your letter some time ago in regard to Mr. Frank B. Laine.

I shall be very glad to take the matter up with Seantors Ashhurst and Smith of Arizona, and do all I can to assist him.

With best wishes to you and Ben,

Sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

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March 13, 1918.

Mrs. G. Dunn-Webb,
Reno, Nevada.

My dear Mrs. Dunn-Webb:

I am just in receipt of your letter regarding your daughter, and will take the matter up immediately with Senator Pittman, and I feel sure that we will be able to have permission granted so that your daughter may return safely to you in Nevada.

Yours very truly,

R. W. Baty

Director of the Mint.

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March 13, 1918.

Mrs. Katherine M. Blainey,
c/ Colonial Apts.,
Reno, Nevada.

My dear Mrs. Blainey:

I am just in receipt of your letter in reference to your securing employment for service in France. I advise you to write a letter to Mr. McIlhenny, head of the Civil Service Commission, asking him for the information you desire.

If I can serve you in any way, I shall be most pleased.

Very truly yours,

R. M. Bailey

Director of the Mint.

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March 13, 1918.

Mr. W. D. Knight,
P. O. Box #34,
Carson City, Nev.

My dear Billie:

I regret that I have not been able to answer your letter before this date, owing to my absence from the city and the vast amount of work here.

All positions I have under my jurisdiction are Civil Service jobs, and as far as the Internal Revenue is concerned it would not be diplomatic on my part to inject myself into that branch of the Service. I advise you to take the matter up with Key again and I shall get in touch with him about it also.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future, I am, with all good wishes,

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 13, 1918.

Miss Mildred E. Williford,
Apopka, Florida.

My dear Miss Williford:

I am returning herewith the package forwarded by you, containing false teeth, and regret that we cannot receive the same as a deposit.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Pkg. sent under
separate cover.

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March 13, 1918.

Mr. Mose Frazier,
Blair, West Va.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of the package containing small scraps of gold. The material has been forwarded to the United States Assay Office at New York to the Superintendent of that institution, who will remit to you check on the Treasurer of the United States for the value of the metal. In this connection I beg to state that the officers in charge of the Mints and Assay offices are not required to receive deposits of this kind, which do not approximate one hundred dollars ($100.00) in value. However, in this case, the Superintendent has been requested to remit value to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 13, 1918.

Mr. Morris Kastner,
McDade, Texas.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the quarter dollar enclosed in your letter of March 6th, and beg to advise you that the same is genuine. The coin is defective in that the blank from which it was made is "blistered". This accounts for the want of "ring".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Quarter dollar
enclosed.

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March 13, 1918.

Mr. K. P. Allred,
Ruth, Nevada.

My dear Allred:

I regret that I have been unable to answer your letter before this date. I am enclosing the letter signed by Roger Foley, which you have requested returned to you.

I took your matter up with the Department of Justice in accordance with your letter written some time ago, and they advised me that they were not placing additional men in the Department as special agents, but would place your letter on file, and give it consideration when the opportunity presents itself.

I shall await hearing from you before taking the matter up again, which I shall be pleased to do if you desire.

With all good wishes,

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

1 Enclosure.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 14, 1918.

Messrs. Samuel Montague & Co.,
60 Old Broad Street,
London, England.

Gentlemen:

Your letters concerning money market conditions, which have been received by this office for many years, are read with much interest. Permit me to say that they are much appreciated.

Perhaps an explanation of the estimate of silver production, made by this office for the year 1916, may be of interest to you in connection with comment thereon in your letter of January 24, 1918.

In making estimates of gold and silver production this office endeavors to credit to each division named the metals obtained from the mines of the territory thus represented rather than those refined in the divison named, thus eliminating the question of duplication incident to import and export which would, otherwise, be exceedingly troublesome.

The figures released as to production of the United States represent the product of domestic mines which has reached the market as gold and silver.

The European figures used by this office for 1916 are not at all satisfactory, being mostly repetitions of prior years. The figures on silver quoted in your letter of January 24th, for Germany, Turkey, and France, are in fact the figures reported by this office for 1912 and 1913. Owing to general economic conditions during and prior to 1916, and to the fact that no recent authentic figures were available, it was believed that approximate accuracy as to European production would be better served by not reporting any 1916 product for Germany, Turkey, and France.

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Messrs. Sam'l. Montague & Co.,
60 Old Broad Street,
London, England.

If you know of any authoritative estimates on gold and silver production in those European countries for which the 1916 estimate of this office indicates no recent returns, I would greatly appreciate information concerning same.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

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March 14, 1918.

To the
Auditor, Agents' Accounts,
Wells Fargo Express Company,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Herewith I am returning your bill, #35893, with the supporting sub vouchers. Will you kindly render a bill for the first three items carried on this account; the subsequent items, being for transportation of coin from the San Francisco Mint to the Federal Reserve Bank at Dallas, are not payable by the Government but by the receiving bank.

The billing instructions at the foot of the bills of lading for rendering accounts to the Secretary of the Treasury and Director of the Mint, are erroneous.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Enclosures.

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March 15, 1916.

Mr. James H. Fry,
Washington Representative,
American Exchange National Bank,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your verbal inquiry of the 14th instant I beg to say that this Bureau is not aware of any restrictions being placed at the present time upon the use of gold in the arts.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 15, 1918.

To
The American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 13th quoting the price on silver offered to this Bureau on March 12th.

The Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco has been instructed to receive this silver and make payment for the same at the rate of 90.82 cents per ounce fine silver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 15, 1918.

Miss Helen Swalos,
4650 N. Kedzie Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Miss Swalos:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 19th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing copper coins.

I regret that I am unable to utilize them but greatly appreciate the spirit which prompted you to send them.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Coins enclosed.

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March 15, 1918.

Mr. Leopold Klinger,
Avenue "D", College Point,
New York.

Sir:

Replying to your request of February 15th, addressed to the United States Treasury, and recently referred to this office, I beg to advise you that the "Catalogue of the Coins, Tokens, and Medals in the Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia" is a volume of about six hundred pages and is sold by the Superintendent of Documents at the Government Printing Office for $1. per copy.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 15, 1918.

Miss J. Edith Monahan,
229 East Jefferson St.,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Miss Monahan:

Replying to your letter of March 10th, in which you acknowledge the receipt of the annual report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1918, I take pleasure in advising you that I have this day forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of Department Circular #52, which gives the information you desire relative to coins, with the exception of matter covering the designs of the coins.

There is no publication issued by the Government which gives a description of the coins outside of the " Catalogue of Coins, Tokens, and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia." This book is sold by the Superintendent of Documents at the Government Printing Office at $1. per copy. I regret that I have no copies for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

Dept. Cir. #52

Director of the Mint.

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March 15, 1918.

American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone acceptance of your offer of one hundred thousand (100,000) ounces of silver for delivery to the Mint at San Francisco at the rate of 90.82 cents .

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 15, 1918.

To the
Bureau of Navigation,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith voucher for $467.50, covering the manufacture of fifteen hundred (1,500) good conduct pins and five hundred (500) good conduct bars.

In payment of this account please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the following appropriations for the support of the Mint at Philadelphia, 1918:

Wages of Workmen, - - - -	$418.13
Contingent Expenses, - - -	49.37
Total - -	$467.50.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Voucher enclosed.

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March 15, 1918.

Honorable Carl Hayden,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Hayden:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 25th, enclosing letter from Mrs. Florence Cross, relative to coinage of silver dollars. The Purchase clause of the Silver Act of July 14, 1890 was repealed by the Act of March 1, 1893. There is no authority in law for the purchase of silver for coinage into silver dollars.

I am enclosing herewith Department Circular #52, which gives the history of the coinage of the silver dollar, and I trust it will be of interest to Mrs. Cross.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures:

Dept. Circ. #52.
1 letter.

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March 16, 1918.

Mr. W. C. Johnson,
General Agent,
Wells Fargo Express Co.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of March 10th, I beg to state that " Pyx and Assay Coins " are real coins fit for circulation.

The coins are sent to the Philadelphia mint for examination and test.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 16, 1918.

Honorable Ollie M. James,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator James:

Your letter of March 12th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this office for attention.

The letter of Mr. J. W. Reid, which you enclose, has been read with much interest. As you are aware, an act of Congress would be required to permit us to issue a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation.

The letter of Mr. Reid is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

1 Encl.

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March 18, 1918.

Auditor,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Pullman Company vouchers, Nos. E D 47976 for $24.00.
E D 47978 for $50.50.
E D 47985 for $12.50.
E D 47993 for 1.50.
E D 49811 for $18.00.
E D 49814 for $24.60.

are forwardedto you herewith, for settlement in the amounts claimed; extra charges, incident to return from San Francisco by other than direct route having been repaid into the Treasury by certificate of deposit No. 1793, $9.60, and No. 5925, $15.50.

Duplicate of certificate of deposit No. 5925 is attached to Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Bill, No. 35024, returned to your office this date, to which it also pertains in part.

The monies refunded have been credited to appropriations as follows:

Contingent expenses,	Mint at Philadelphia, 1918, - - -	$ 10.50
Contingent expenses,	Assay office at N. Y.,1918, - - -	9.60
Contingent expenses,	Office Director of Mint, 1918,- -	5.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

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March 18, 1918.

Auditor,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding Baltimore & Ohio Company's bill No. 35024, which was returned to this office with your letter of December 4, 1917.

Routing via Portland on the four transportation requests supporting this bill was necessitated by official business in connection with a conference at the Seattle Assay Office.

The extra expense of side trip to Grand Canyon has been refunded, as evidenced by enclosed duplicate certificate of deposit No. 1472 for $15.00, and No. 5925, $15.00. The $30. has been credited to the following appropriations:

Contingent expense, Mint at Philadelphia, 1918 - - -	$ 7.50.
Contingent expense, Assay Office at N. Y, 1918 - - -	15.00
Contingent expense, Office Director of Mint, 1918- -	7.50
Total - - - - - -	$30.00

The $15.50 additional on certificate of Deposit No. 5925 pertains to Pullman Company vouchers forwarded this date:

No ED 47976 - - -	$5.00
No ED 47978 - - -	$1.50
No ED 49811 - - -	$9.00
Total - - -	15.50.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 19, 1918.

Miss Alma McClain,

Covert, Kansas.

Dear Miss McClain:

In response to your request of the 15th instant, I am forwarding under separate cover a pamphlet of information respecting U. S. bonds, paper currency, and coin, from which you will be able to obtain answers to your inquiries.

There is also being forwarded a pamphlet on the Monetary Systems of the principal countries of the world, which you may find of value in your work.

Respectfully,

M. McPadden

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 19, 1918.

Mr. E. A. Watts,

Lake City, S. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 21st, I beg to advise you that old gold scrap will be received at the United States Assay Office, New York, and the gold contents paid for, after charges for preparing the metal for coinage purposes have been deducted.

The material should be sent by express, prepaid, or by registered mail.

Payment will be made by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

It is desirable that such material shall be sent in quantities approximating $100. in value.

Respectfully,

M. McFarlan
Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 19, 1918.

Mr. M. M. Fleming,

First National Bank,

New Bethlehem, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 15th, I beg to advise you that dental scrap will be received at the United States Assay Office, New York, and the gold and silver contents paid for, after charges for preparing the metal for coinage purposes have been deducted.

The material should be sent by express, prepaid, or by registered mail.

Payment will be made by check on Treasurer of the United States.

It is desirable that such material shall be sent in quantities approximating $100. in value.

Respectfully,

Acting M. McKelly

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 19, 1918.

Mr. Lewis J. Scott,

71 Asylum St.,

Hartford, Conn.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 15th, I beg to advise you that old gold and silver scrap will be received at the United States Assay Office, New York, and the gold and silver contents paid for, after charges for preparing the metal for coinage purposes have been deducted.

The material should be sent by express, prepaid, or by registered mail.

Payment will be made by check on Treasurer of the United States.

It is desirable that such material shall be sent in quantities approximating $100. in value.

Respectfully,

M. McRoberts

Actg Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 19, 1918.

Mr. John C. Baly,

Puerto, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 21st, relative to buried treasure, I beg to advise you that the Government would not interfere with the owner of such property.

Respectfully,

Th. McReelly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 20, 1918.

Mr. Harry E. Bord,
High & Effington Sts.,
Portsmouth, Va.

Sir:

Your bullion deposit memorandum was forwarded to Washington on March 13th, and this day the Department has received a box containing the metal forwarded by you.

The metal, together with the memorandum slip, has been forwarded to the United States Assay Office, New York, and the Superintendent of that institution will remit to you the value of the gold and silver contents of your deposit.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

By, N. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 20, 1918.

Finance Department, (Dominion Government),

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Gentlemen;

Will you kindly advise this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by the Government of Canada at the close of the calendar year 1917?

This information is desired for statistical purposes, and will be treated as confidential and used solely in the compilation of aggregates.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your co-operation in the matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By, M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 20, 1918.

Bank of Montreal,

Montreal, Canada.

Gentlemen;

Will you kindly advise this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1917?

This information is desired for statistical purposes, and will be treated as confidential and used solely in the compilation of aggregates.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your co-operation in the matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

By, M. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Similar Letter sent to the Following:

Bank of Montreal,
Montreal, Canada.

The Quebec Bank,
Montreal, Canada.

The Bank of Novia Scotia,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

The Bank of Toronto,
Toronto, Canada.

The Molsons Bank,
Montreal, Canada.

Banque National,
Quebec, Quebec, Canada.

The Merchants' Bank of Canada,,
Montreal, Canada.

Banque Provinciale du Canada,
Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Union Bank of Canada,
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce,
Toronto, Canada.

The Royal Bank of Canada,
Montreal, Canada.

The Dominion Bank,
Toronto, Canada.

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Banque d'Hochelaga,
Montreal, Canada.

The Standard Bank of Canada,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Bank of Hamilton,
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

The Bank of Ottawa,
Ottowa, Ontario, Canada.

The Imperial Bank of Canada,
Toronto, Canada.

The Home Bank of Canada,
Toronto, Canada.

The Northern Crown Bank,
Winnipeg, Canada.

The Sterling Bank of Canada,
Toronto, Canada.

Weyburn Security Bank,
Assiniboia,
Saskatchewan, Canada.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 21, 1918.

Mr. W. J. Fuermann,
8 Kennedy Street,
Bradford, Penna.

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th instant, together with package by express, has reached this office.

The package has been sent to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York. The Superintendent of that institution will remit to you the value of the deposit.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 21, 1918.

The Fidelity Casualty Co.,
92 Liberty Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of March 6th, you are advised that Mr. Joseph S. Buford, Jr. is still employed in the United States Assay office at New York, and is under bond of $3,000., dated February 1914.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 21, 1918.

Mr. Van H. Manning,
Director of Bureau of Mines,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Manning:

In response to your request of March 20th, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a letter of introduction for Dr. H. W. Gillett and Dr. Rhoads to the Superintendent of the mint at Philadelphia.

This letter will admit Doctors Gillett and Rhoads to the mint for the purpose of inspecting the operation of the electric furnace.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN:

Washington,

March 22, 1918.

American Smelting & Refining Company
120 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Your offer silver San Francisco hundred thousand ounces ninety-five seven eighths accepted.

Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.

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MENT RATES.
ASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 21, 1916.

Dear General McIntyre:

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant I beg to say that the coinage machinery of the Mint at New Orleans was removed when coinage operations ceased at that institution. We have retained at the New Orleans only that part of the equipment which is required for the work of assaying and treating bullion. There is no machinery in the institution which is available for the purposes of coinage.

Regretting that we cannot be of service to you in this respect, I am

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Major General Frank McIntyre, U.S.A.,
Chief of Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 22, 1918.

Honorable John R. Ramsey,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Ramsey:

I take pleasure in to-day forwarding to Mr. B. F. Gambrill, a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1917, in accordance with your request of the 14th instant.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 23, 1918.

Dr. George Bailey Harris,
1201-5 David Whitney Bldg.,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

In answer to your inquiry of the 21st instant, I beg to advise you that gold alloy approximating $100. in value will be received at the U. S. Assay office, New York, and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Bureau of the Mint.

Contingent Expense, Office of Director of Mint, 1918

Mackall Brothers,

March 25, 1918.

823 H. Street, N. E. Washington, D. C.

ekeeper, Treasury Department.

4411	Nitric Acid (b) C. p., sp. gr. 1.42; in 7-lb. bottles; 10 bottles to the case	70	lbs$.13	$ 9.10

$ 9.10

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 25, 1918.

Mr. John T. Cosby,
Vice President,
National City Bank, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Cosby:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of our circular, showing value of foreign coins as of January 1, 1918, with the usual request that you bring the column "Remarks" down to date.

If you can find it convenient to return the corrected circular so as to reach this office by the 28th instant, the courtesy will be much appreciated.

Thanking you for your co-operation, I am,

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

1 Enclosure.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 25, 1918.

Miss Deal Lane,
402 N. Carey St.,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Miss Lane:

Replying to your letter of March 23rd, I beg to advise you that all positions in the Mint Service are subject to Civil Service examination. There is no mint in Washington.

I would suggest that you address the Civil Service Commission for list of examinations to be given.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 25, 1918.

To
The Auditor for the Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In response to your request of the 25th instant, I am forwarding herewith the original of Wells Fargo & Company's proposal for transportation of coin and bullion between various cities, dated March 15, 1917.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

1 Enclosure.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 25, 1918.

Dr. George F. Kunz,
405 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Kunz:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 19th, relative to the resolution offered by you at the recent meeting of the Assay Commission in regard to presenting Assay Commission medals to a dozen great institutions of the world.

I will be glad to comply with your request and recommendation, but suggest that, at the present time, the export of medals would involve some complications for the State Department.

On account of this, I would suggest that we defer forwarding the medals to foreign countries for the present.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 25, 1918.

Mr. V. A. Wallin,
President Tanners Council,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In response to your request of March 23rd, we have taken pleasure in placing your name on mailing list to receive copies of the circular "Values of Foreign Coins."

We have also placed on our mailing list the names mentioned in Paragraph 15, Section B, of Bulletin No. 2.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 26, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone communications with you this day accepting 225,000 ounces of silver for delivery to the U.S. Mint, Philadelphia, at the rate of $0.97-3/8 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 26, 1918.

Zimmerman & Forshay
9-11 Wall Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone acceptance of your offer of silver, approximating 250,000 ounces, to be delivered to the Mint at San Francisco at the rate of $0.97 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 26, 1918.

The Postmaster General,

Post-Office Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of Philadelphia mint in the sum of $1721.70, for manufacture of stamped envelope dies, as per order of May 24, 1917.

Please cause the above amount to be deposited in the Treasury for reimbursement to the following appropriations:

Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia,	1917, - -	$1104.01
Wages of Workmen, " " " "	1918, - -	531.36
Contingent Expenses, " " " "	1917, - -	57.19
Contingent Expenses, " " " "	1918, - -	29.14
	Total, - -	$1721.70

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

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March 26, 1918.

Messrs. Britton & Gray,
Wilkins Building,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I am returning Northern Pacific Railroad Company's bill, No. 8612, amounting to $3.78, inviting your attention to errors in weights certified by the consignor and consignee; the certified amounts being 380 pounds, while the scheduled items total 330 pounds.

It is requested that the bill be re-submitted, after securing correction of the certificates.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

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March 26, 1918.

Director of the Bureau of Printing & Engraving,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of Philadelphia mint, in the sum of $18.30, for converting scrap silver into plates, as per your order of December 3, 1917.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the following appropriations in the sums indicated:

Wages of Workmen, Mint at Phila. 1918, - - -	$ 17.40.
Contingent Expense, " " " " , - - -	.90.
Total - - -	$ 18.30.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

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March 26, 1918.

Secretary,

Department of Commerce,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding bill of the New Orleans mint for assaying samples of jewelry submitted in February.

Please cause the amount of the bill to be placed to the credit of appropriations indicated below, by transfer settlement:

Wages of Workmen, Mint at New Orleans,	1918, - -	$2.00.
Contingent Expenses, " " "	,1918, - -	3.60.
	Total, - -	5.60.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 26, 1918.

Miss Louise Kutchka,
106 East Myrtle Ave.,
Youngstown, Ohio.

Dear Miss Kutchka:

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 21st, relative to platinum.

I beg to advise you that your letter, together with the platinum chain, has been referred to The War Industries Board, Council of National Defense, Raw Materials Division, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 26, 1918.

Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co.,
13th & G Streets, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I am returning charge slip, which accompanied your December bill against the office of the Director of the Mint, the amount of which is not chargeable to this office. Your bill has been approved in the sum of $43.65, instead of $44.65, the difference being represented by the enclosure.

There is also enclosed herewith charge slip accompanying your January bill against the office of the Director of the Mint, the amount of which is not chargeable to this office. Your January bill has been approved for $26.00, instead of $27.25, the difference of $1.25 being represented by the enclosure.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 27, 1918.

Mr. Louis Kinzelberg,
277 First Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 20th, relative to the use of old coins by the United States government.

Your suggestion had been read with interest, and I greatly appreciate the spirit which prompted it, but regret that the Department has no facilities for handling donations.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 27, 1913.

Handy & Harman,
73 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone acceptance of 200,000 ounces of silver for delivery to the Mint, Philadelphia at the rate of $0.97 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

R. W. Bailey

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

March 28, 1918.

Mr. Harold Haney,
230 West Third St.,
East Liverpool, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your note of March 26th, I beg to advise that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and does not purchase old coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RE WRITTEN:

Washington,

March 29, 1916.

American Smelting Refining Company
New York, N. Y.

Your offer hundred thousand ounces silver delivered San Francisco ninety-seven one eighth accepted.

Baker

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1916.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2120.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

To the

Auditor for The Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding bill #3312 of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company, returned with your letter of September 28, 1917. Bill is accompanied by waiver of the Denver & Rio Grande Railway Company, covering the supporting bill of lading.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 1, 1918.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
9 - 11 Wall Street
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone acceptance of 100,000 ounces of silver to be delivered to the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia at the rate of $0.95-3/8 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 2, 1918.

Honorable James J. O'Byrne,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

My dear James:

I have your memorandum of February 19th, and would have replied to it more promptly but delayed in order to consult the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia in regard to Mr. Horan, in whose behalf you wrote.

The Superintendent at Philadelphia reports to me that it would be a matter of embarrassment to him to make a distinction in favor of Mr. Horan.

All of the men in the mint are required to take turns in doing night work, and Mr. Horan could not be exempted from this without creating dissatisfaction among the other men.

I am sure that you will appreciate my position in the matter, and know that I would be glad to act favorably upon your request were it practicable.

With personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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April 2, 1918.

The Director of the Bureau of Mines,
Interior Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The following institutions in the Mint service are under the necessity of purchasing acids, chemicals, etc., which require a license. Will you please issue the necessary licenses, covering the purchase of explosives, for the officers listed below:

A. M. Joyce, Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Penna.
T. W. H. Shanahan, Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.
Thomas Annear, Supt. U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado.
Verne M. Bovie, Supt. U. S. Assay Office, New York, N.Y.
L. Magruder, Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint, New Orleans.
Ed. Ryan, Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint, Carson City, Nev.
Curtis F. Pike, Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office, Boise City, Idaho.
Jas. E. Russell, Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office, Deadwood, South Dakota.
Herbert Goodal, Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Montana.
Chas. Gammon, Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah.
John W. Phillips, Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office, Seattle, Washington.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 2, 1918.

Mrs. M. A. Shaw,
Orchard Park,
New Mexico.

Dear Madam;

I am returning to you to-day, under separate cover, the silver spoons sent to this office. I regret that we are unable to receive them as a deposit. There is no mint in Washington.

Silver scrap, in quantities approximating one hundred dollars, is received by the U. S. Mint at Denver, but the charges for preparing the silver for coinage purposes in this case would probably more than offset the value of the silver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Silver ret'd. under
separate cover.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 3, 1918.

Mr. L. E. Lantz,
c/ The Bank of Jacksonburg,
Jacksonburg, West Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 30th, beg to advise you that there are two types of quarter dollars of recent issue in circulation.

The design of the quarter dollar which first appeared late in 1916 was modified by act of Congress, dated July 9, 1917. The only quarter dollars now being minted have the three stars directly under the eagle. Both types are, of course, legal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 3, 1918.

Mr. W. H. Cowdery,
Rolandus, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 1st, beg to state that this office does not purchase old silver or gold scrap.

Silver scrap in quantities approximating $100. in value will be received at the U. S. Assay Office, New York, and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after charges for preparing the material for coinage purposes have been deducted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 3, 1918.

Hon. Charles B. Henderson,

United States Senate,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Henderson:

Referring to your call at this Bureau in behalf of Mr. W. M. David, I have to say that I have taken the matter up with the Civil Service Commission and have had the records of this Bureau reviewed, and find that Mr. Davis has a record as a Spanish war veteran. He is therefore eligible for re-instatement in the Civil Service.

I regret that I have at present no vacancy in the Mint service to which Mr. David could be appointed. I should be glad to avail myself of his services on account of his experience in the Mint at Carson but am unable to do so. I would suggest that Mr. David be advised to address a letter to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., informing them of his desire to become engaged in some Civil Service employment, referring to his record now on file with the Commission.

If I can be of any further service to you in this connection, I would be glad to have you call on me.

Mr. David's letter, left at this office, is returned herewith.

Very cordially yours,

Director of the Mint.

1 Enclosure.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 3, 1918.

Mr. H. W. Coston,
#849 26th Street,
Newport News, Va.

Sir:

In answer to your inquiry of April 1st, beg to advise that your letter has been referred to the War Trade Board, Council of National Defense, Washington, D. C., which board has supervision over the commandeering or purchasing of the platinum supply for war needs.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 3, 1918.

Zimmerman & Forshay,

New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen;

I beg to confirm telephone acceptance of your offer of 240,000 ounces of silver, purchased this day for delivery to the Mint at Philadelphia, at the rate of 96 and 3/8 cents per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 3, 1918.

Mr. M. L. Hutchins,
c/ Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.,
Chelyan, West Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 19th, addressed to the President of the United States, which has been referred to this office, I beg to state that an act of Congress would be necessary to authorize the issue of such gold pieces as you suggest.

Your suggestion has been noted with interest and the spirit which prompted you to make it is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 3, 1918.

Mr. B. M. Baruch,
Chairman, War Industries Board,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Responding to your request of March 30th, I have to-day instructed the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York to release 1417 ounces of refined Platinum to the Navy Department. In accordance with your instructions this platinum will be taken from the Ordnance Department's shipment of Russian crude platinum, which is now in the Assay office at New York.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 3, 1918.

Mr. Lewis C. Trumbull,
1027 Portage St.,
Kalamazoo, Mich.

Sir:

Your letter of March 30th, together with specimens of platinum enclosed, has been referred to the War Trade Board, Council of National Defense, Washington, D. C., which board has supervision over the purchase of platinum for military purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 4, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone acceptance of your offer of 100,000 ounces of silver for delivery to the Mint at Denver at the rate of $0.96-1/4 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 4, 1918.

Mr. Irvin W. Dietrich,
Box 88,
Bernharts, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant I beg to state that the purchase of gold or silver bullion by one of the institutions of the Mint Service constitutes the initial act of placing money in circulation.

The metal purchased is paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States. The check thus given to a depositor of gold or silver bullion is converted into cash upon presentation at a bank or sub-treasury.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 4, 1918.

American Zinc & Lead Smelting Co.,
1001-22 Pearce Bldg.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

May I again bring to your attention the matter of gold and silver production in the United States, during the calendar year 1917?

Other smelting companies have reported considerable quantities of silver, as well as some gold, in material received from you. It is my endeavor to trace all this gold and silver back to the states in which mined, and without information from you I will be unable to accomplish this.

The report form received from you is therefore returned herewith with request that you indicate thereon the quantities of silver and gold contained in material worked by you, crediting same to the states in which mined, or if this is not known, to such other works as the material may have been received from.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation, I am,

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN:

Washington,

April 5, 1918.

American Smelting Refining Company
New York, N. Y.

Your offer hundred thousand ounces silver delivered Denver ninety-six one half accepted.

Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.

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NMENT RATES.
REASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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April 5, 1918.

Bartlesville Zinc Co.,

Blackwell, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

The Ohio & Colorado Smelting and Refining Company reports some 20,000 ounces of silver and 30 ounces of gold as contained in material received from you during the calendar year 1917. Will you kindly indicate on the enclosed form the source of this material and return in the enclosed franked envelope, which requires no postage, to this office at an early date.

This information is required for use in determining the gold and silver production of the various states. It will be considered as confidential and used only in the compilation of aggregates.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

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April 6, 1918.

Dr. T. P. Beattie,
Peoples Bank Bldg.,
Tarentum, Penna.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of April 3rd, will state that there is no mint or assay office in Washington where deposits are received. However, your letter, together with the gold scrap, has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office, New York, who will remit to you the value of the gold content, after charges for preparing the metal for coinage purposes have been deducted.

Respectfully,

N. Mc Kelly

Director of the Mint.

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April 5, 1918.

Crocker Wheeler Company,

Ampere, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your inquiry of April 4th, concerning your bill against the Philadelphia mint for equipment furnished them on their order No. 978 to the value of $256.00, I have to state that this account was settled by the Auditor under date of January 12, 1918, that warrant number 41191 was issued January 15, 1918, and paid by the Treasury Department on January 25, 1918.

Any further inquiry concerning the matter should be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, mentioning the warrant number and date.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 8, 1918.

Empire Smelting & Refining Co.,

Deming, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

The final estimate of the production of gold and silver in the various states of the Union during the calendar year 1917 is now in course of preparation and I find that the El Paso plant of the American Smelting and Refining Company reports the receipt of material from you containing something less than 200 ounces of gold and approximately 63,000 ounces of silver.

It is my endeavor to trace this material back to the states in which actually mined, and I am, therefore, enclosing blank forms with the request that the information as to the sources and disposition of the material received during the year 1917 be indicated thereon, and that one copy be returned in the enclosed franked envelope, which requires no postage.

The information furnished will be considered as confidential and used only in the compilation of aggregates.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

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April 8, 1918.

United States Smelting Co.,

413 Republic Building,

Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

In checking up reports of the smelting and refining interests for the purpose of making final estimate of the production of gold and silver in the various states of the Union during the calendar year 1917, I find that three of the plants of the American Smelting and Refining Company report receipt of gold and silver in the approximate amounts indicated below (fine ounces) from your Kansas and Oklahoma plants:

Amer. Smelting & Ref. Co.	Gold	Silver	From
El Paso Plant - - - - - - -	800	111,000	Checotah.
Denver Plant - - - - - - -	300	53,000	Altoona.
Leadville " - - - - - - -	700	165,000	Altoona.

I am therefore enclosing forms which it is requested be filled out, showing sources and disposition of material containing gold and silver worked by your plants in the districts mentioned during the year 1917.

The information requested is necessary in order that the production may be traced back to the states in which actually mined. It may be returned in the enclosed franked envelope which requires no postage.

Assuring you that the information furnished will be treated as confidential and used only in the compilation of totals and that your co-operation will be greatly appreciated, I am,

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

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April 8, 1918.

Mr. W. V. Warner,
2908 Throckmorton St.,
Dallas, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 4th, would advise that the book entitled " Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia " is sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, at $1. per copy.

I regret very much that we have no copies for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 8, 1918.

Hon. Joseph E. Ransdell,

United States Senate,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Ransdell:

I have your letter of April 3rd, enclosing the letter received by you from Mr. Roser in New Orleans, and also the letter from Mr. H. S. Suthon, former Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans.

I regret exceedingly that I do not feel at liberty to urge the present Assayer in Charge of the New Orleans Mint to reconsider his decision in regard to Mr. Roser.

The case is one which calls for sympathy and every possible assistance, but in the face of the statement of the Assayer in Charge that Mr. Roser's habits make him un-reliable, I do not feel that I should insist upon the Assayer in Charge assuming the responsibility of giving Mr. Roser employment in the mint at the present time.

Assuring you of my regret that I cannot co-operate in this matter, I am,

With personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures ret'd.
herewith.

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April 9, 1918.

Mr. J. W. Cahill,
El Reno, Okla.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 3rd, I beg to state that the box said to contain gold teeth has been received, and is being returned un-opened.

I regret that there is no place in Washington where such material can be received by the Government. Dental scrap in quantities approximating $100. is received by the mints and assay offices. The value of the deposit forwarded by you, however, would not justify the charges we are obliged to impose for treating deposits.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Dental scrap under
separate cover.

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April 9, 1918.

Dr. J. W. Vance,
17 South Howard St.,
Akron, Ohio.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the gold solder forwarded in your letter of March 26th. I regret that there is no institution connected with the Government in Washington where such assays are made for the public.

If you will forward this material to the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado, the assays will be made at a nominal charge. I would suggest that you address the Superintendent of the Denver mint, requesting him to advise you, after inspection of the samples, and before he makes the assays, of the charge to be imposed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

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April 9, 1918.

Mrs. A. Aylesworth,
c/ Hemet Public Library,
Hemet, California.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of March 29th, beg to state that the book entitled " Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia " is sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., at $1. per copy.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 9, 1918.

Mr. A. D. Branham,
c/ Automatic Register Co.,
10 Wall St., New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 28th, I beg to state that the Department would not be able to initiate legislation in regard to the issue of a new coin.

Thanking you for the courtesy of your offer to assist, I am,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 9, 1918.

Mr. Montague Howard,
693 Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 21st, addressed to the President, which has been referred to this office, would state that it would be impossible for us to comply with the request contained therein.

Respectfully,

R. M. Bailey

Director of the Mint.

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April 9, 1918.

Mr. L. J. Brainerd,
c/ The Palmer National Bank,
Palmer, Massachusetts.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 4th, I beg to state that Congress authorized the issue of a one dollar gold piece to be disposed of by the McKinley National Birthplace Association, Niles, Ohio. The coins were issued during the year 1917 and are still available to the Association up to one hundred thousand pieces.

There has been no issue of Lincoln gold dollars in commeroration of the opening of the Lincoln Highway.

The McKinley memorial gold dollars are sold by the above-named association at $3. a piece or four for $10. They are not disposed of by the Treasury Department, the law providing that they shall be delivered as called for to the Association.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 9, 1918.

Mr. R. E. Jackman,
310 Marshall St.,
Syracuse, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 6th, referring to " Designers of our Modern American Coins ", beg to state that the Department has no literature covering the matter referred to.

The " Catalogue of Coins, Tokens, and Medals of the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia " is available to the public at $1. per copy, and is sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office. This volume of about 600 pages contains much information that would be of interest to you. I regret that we have no copies for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 9, 1918.

Commandant,

U. S. Coast Guard,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding bill of the Philadelphia mint for 30 silver life-saving medals, as per order of December 5, 1917, amounting to $187.07.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting appropriations as follows:

Wages of workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1918, ----$91.90.
Contingent Expense, " " " " " , ---- 95.17.

Total - - - -187.07

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

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April 9, 1918.

Bartlesville Zinc Company,

Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

With reference to my recent inquiry concerning the production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1917 and your reply of February 21st, I beg to advise that the Pueblo plant of the American Smelting and Refining Company reports receipt of material from you containing approximately 400 ounces of gold and 275,000 ounces silver, and the Leadville plant of the American Smelting and Refining Company reports receipt of material from you containing approximately 100 ounces gold and 68,000 ounces silver.

Since your report indicates shipment of all your material to the Ohio and Colorado Smelting and Refining Company, I am at a loss to account for the above and will greatly appreciate any explanation you may let me have concerning same.

Your reply may be forwarded in the enclosed franked envelope which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Woolsey

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

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April 10, 1918.

Mr. Albert Cornell,
c/ Hotel Frye,
Seattle, Washington.

Sir:

Your letter of March 24th, addressed to Hon. Clarence L. Reams, Assistant to United States Attorney General, has been referred to this office.

Your statement relative to your ability to produce metals through chemical formations has been read with much interest. At the present time, however, the Government is not in a position to act further in the matter.

Respectfully,

R. W. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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April 10, 1918.

The Equitable Trust Company,
37 Wall St., New York.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of April 5th, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith copy of the " Table of Charges " imposed upon platinum at the New York Assay office and other institutions of the Mint Service.

I would suggest that you call upon the Superintendent of the New York Assay office for further information, if this table is not clear to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

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April 10, 1918.

Mr. J. H. Schumacher,

Dallas, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 30th, I beg to advise you that silver bullion is purchased at the market price of silver, which varies from day to day. The price of silver to-day is approximately 97 cents per fine ounce.

We are enclosing the circular referred to in your letter and beg to call your attention to the information covering "Mutilated Minor Coins". Mutilated minor coins including 5 cent pieces and one cent bronze pieces which are purchased in lots less than one pound of each kind are paid for at the market price of the metals contained therein, which price fluctuates from day to day.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

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April 10, 1918.

Massachusetts Bonding & Insurance Co.,
84 William Street, New York.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of April 8th, asking for a form of bond to be executed in behalf of Mr. A. B. Wilson, Chief Clerk of the Assay Office in New York, and replying beg to state that the form of bond used by the Treasury is sent to the Superintendent of the Assay office. The regulations require that this bond reach the employee to be bonded through a superior officer.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 10, 1918.

Chief of Bureau of Insular Affairs,

War Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith bill of the San Francisco mint in the sum of $7,319.82, covering the cost of metal consumed in the manufacture of Philippine minor coin. Please cause sum to be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of Minor Coinage metal fund of San Francisco mint, as per enclosed certificate of deposit.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

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April 10, 1918.

Chief of Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to enclose herewith bill of the San Francisco Mint dated April 4th in the sum of $8,045.04, covering the cost of manufacture of Philippine coin. Please cause the above amount to be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the following appropriations:

Wages of Workmen, Mint at San Francisco, 1918, - -	$5363.36
Contingent Expense, " " " " ", 1918, - -	2681.68
Total, - - -	8045.04.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

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April 11, 1918.

Mr. E. W. Phillips,
Lostant, Ill.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 27th, relative to the disposal of platinum, beg to suggest that you address the War Trade Board, Council of National Defense, Raw Materials Division, which board has charge of the purchase of platinum for war needs.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 11, 1918.

Mr. J. Arnold Gillis,
745 Sterling Place,
Brooklyn, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 5th, submitting drawing of proposed engraving to be placed on two cent piece, beg to state that no legislation has been enacted concerning the issue of a two cent piece.

Your suggestion has been noted with interest and the spirit prompting it is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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April 11, 1918.

Mr. Adolph A. Weinman,
441 West 21st Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Weinman,

Responding to your letter of April 10th, I take pleasure in stating that I know of no objection to your arranging for slides for the purpose of illustrating the two coins designed by you to be used in a course of lectures at the University of Syracuse on American Sculpture.

Respectfully,

R. B. Bennett

Director of the Mint.

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April 11, 1918.

The Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of April 10th relative to special exhibition of War medals, etc. to be held by you at the New Willard during the month of April.

I would be glad to authorize the exhibition of the War medals at the Philadelphia mint, but feel that it would be rather impractical at this time to recall the medals from the Mint for the purpose of exhibiting them in Washington.

Regretting that I cannot see my way clear to respond favorably to your request, I am,

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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April 12, 1918.

Mr. Will J. Rounds,

Sioux Falls, S. D.

Dear Mr. Rounds:

I have your note of April 3rd, and have had the matter of your account before me for some days. I have some hesitancy in going into the matter of the amount of your account, but as our bills are audited very strictly after they leave this Bureau I am anxious that no adverse criticism shall be made of bills rendered for the Assay Commission.

The law provides that officials or employees of the Government shall be limited to $5.00 per diem for their expenditures, covering hotel accomodations and meals. This law is not applicable to the gentlemen appointed to serve on the Assay Commission. We endeavor, however, to keep as close to the restrictions imposed upon officials, including Senators and Congressmen, as is practicable.

In view of the above, I am, with some reluctance, returning your account with the request that it be reviewed by you and itemized as far as possible as to the hotel account and subsistence expenses. I would respectfully call your attention to the average expense of $10.00 a day, in addition to charge for room, to which has been added $1.60 a day for baggage, taxicab fare, etc, which makes your expenses for several days in excess of $15.00 per diem.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 11, 1918.

Hon. Jno. W. Phillips,
U. S. Assay Office,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Mr. Phillips:

My attention has just been called to the letter forwarded by you under date of February 6th, enclosing a letter from Mr. Hathaway, Chief Clerk of your institution, relative to services he wishes to render outside of office hours in the capacity of accountant. I see no reason why Mr. Hathaway should be prevented from rendering the services that he desires, if such work does not interfere with his duties in the Assay Office. The policy of the Department is to discourage the acceptance of other employment outside of that covered by the Government. Under present conditions, however, Mr. Hathaway's motive in wishing to render services additional to those rendered in the regular course of his duties at the Assay Office seems commendable.

I regret the delay in responding to your letter.

With personal regards, I am,

Very trul yours,

Director of the Mint.

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April 12, 1918.

Mr. W. D. Bishop,
12414 St. Clair Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 10th, beg to state that the fifty dollar gold piece is the largest gold coin ever authorized by Congress. This coin was issued for the Panama Pacific International Exposition Company and sold by that organization for $100. each.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 12, 1918.

Nevada Mine Operators Association,

Reno, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your telegram of April 11th, beg to state that on April 10th, I purchased 50,000 ounces silver for delivery to the Mint at San Francisco at the rate of 96 cents per fine ounce and April 11th, 50,000 ounces silver at the rate of 97¾ cents per ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 12, 1918.

Mr. Harrison W. Craver,
c/ Engineering Societies Library,
29 West 39th Street, New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 11th, beg to advise you that your name has been placed upon the permanent mailing list of this Bureau for the receipt of publications regularly issued.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 12, 1918.

Honorable Edmund Platt,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Platt:

Replying to your letter of April 10th, I beg to state that there is no authority in law for the coinage of a twenty cent piece. An act of Congress would be required to permit the manufacture of a coin of this denomination.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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April 12, 1918.

Mr. John F. Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Harman:

Complying with your request of April 11th, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith three (3) copies of the bill recently introduced by Senator Pittman. I regret that I have not a greater number of copies to send you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

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April 12, 1918.

Mr. Howard Finney,
c/o New York State Chamber of Commerce,
65 Liberty Street, New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 11th, beg to state that the gold coinage for the fiscal year 1917 as stated in the report of the Director of the Mint on pages 11 and 12 is correct, the amount being 1,230,040.

Thanking you for calling attention to figures on Page 118, I am,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 12, 1918.

The Director,
Bureau of Mines,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I would thank you to supply this Bureau with a copy of your technical paper #60 on the melting points of copper alloys by Gilbert and Norton.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 12, 1918.

Mr. J. T. Lillibridge,
P. O. Box 206,
Townsend, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 8th, I beg to advise you that no authority has as yet been given by Congress for the coinage of a fifty cent piece to commemorate the entry of Illinois into the Union.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 13, 1918.

Mr. E. P. Earle,

165 Broadway,

New York.

Sir:

This office makes annually, from information furnished by the Smelting and Refining interests of the country, an estimate of the production of gold and silver in the various states of the Union.

The report of the Nichols Copper Company shows production from material received from you during the calendar year 1917 of approximately 170 ounces gold and 900 ounces silver. I am, therefore, enclosing a blank form, upon which it is requested that you indicate the sources and disposition of the material received by you, in order that the production may be traced back to the states in which the gold and silver were actually mined.

Your report may be returned in the enclosed franked envelope which requires no postage. Your co-operation in this matter will be appreciated very much and the information will be treated as strictly confidential and used only in the compilation of aggregates.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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April 15, 1918.

Mineral Point Zinc Co.,

De Pue, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

This office makes annually, from information furnished by the Smelting and Refining interests of the country, an estimate of the production of gold and silver in the various states of the Union.

The report of the International Lead Refining Company shows production from material received from you during the calendar year 1917 of approximately 200 ounces gold and 200,000 ounces silver. I am, therefore, enclosing a blank form, upon which it is requested that you indicate the sources and disposition of the material received by you, in order that the production may be traced back to the states in which the gold and silver were actually mined.

Your report may be returned in the enclosed franked envelope which requires no postage. Your co-operation in this matter will be appreciated very much and the information will be treated as strictly confidential and used only in the compilation of aggregates.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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April 13, 1918.

Raritan Copper Works,
42 Broadway,
New York.

Gentlemen:

With reference to report recently made to this office concerning the production of gold and silver during the calendar year 1917, I find that the Canada Copper Corporation reports having forwarded to you approximately 2,000 ounces gold and 8,000 ounces silver. I am unable from your report to determine where this material is carried, and as part of it was produced in the United States I beg to be advised as to the item in which it is carried on your report.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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April 13, 1918.

Beer, Sondheimer & Co.,
61 Broadway,
New York.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your report forwarded under date of February 21st concerning the production of gold and silver during the calendar year 1917, beg to state that in checking the reports from other smelters I find that material as below was forwarded to you:

From the National Zinc Company, Springfield, approximately 1,000 ounces gold and 490,000 ounces silver. From the Clarksburg Clinkering Company approximately 500 ounces gold and 300,000 ounces silver. From Goldsmith Smelting & Refining Company approximately 35,000 ounces silver and a small quantity of gold.

According to the reports of the above-mentioned firms, their material originated in several different states of the United States, as well as in Canada and South America, while a considerable amount of the material from GoldSmith S. & R. Company was secondary.

I am, therefore, enclosing a copy of your report with the request that you indicate thereon the quantities

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of gold and silver received from other smelting works or refineries, with indication as to the state or other division to which quantities are credited in the column " Receipts".

This information will materially aid me in tracing the production back to the states in which actually mined.

Thanking you in advance for your continued co-operation, I am,

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

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April 12, 1918.

Pennsylvania Smelting Company,

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I am not yet in receipt of reply to my inquiry of the latter part of January 1918, concerning your final figures on the production of gold and silver during the calendar year 1917, and am therefore enclosing another blank with a return envelope which does not require postage, with the request that information as to the source and disposition of the material received by you, containing gold and silver, during the period in question be inserted and the form returned to this office at an early date.

Again assuring you that your co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated and the information will be treated as confidential and used only in the compilation of aggregates, I am,

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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April 13, 1918.

Penn Mining Company,

Campo Seco,

Calif.

Gentlemen:

Your report of production of gold and silver during the calendar year 1917 has not yet been received in this office in response to my request of the latter part of January, 1918. Enclosed please find an additional blank, upon which it is requested that the information be noted and returned at an early date in the franked envelope, (also enclosed), which requires no postage.

This information is needed in order to give proper credit to the States which produce gold and silver. I will greatly appreciate your early attention to this matter.

The information desired will be treated as confidential and used only in the compilation of aggregates.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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April 13, 1918.

Old Dominion Copper Mining & Smelting Co.,

50 Congress St., Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Your report of production of gold and silver during the calendar year 1917 has not yet been received in this office in response to my request of the latter part of January, 1918. Enclosed please find an additional blank, upon which it is requested that the information be noted and returned at an early date in the franked envelope (also enclosed) which requires no postage.

This information is needed in order to give proper credit to the States which produce gold and silver. I will greatly appreciate your early attention to this matter.

The information desired will be treated as confidential and used only in the compilation of totals.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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April 13, 1918.

Grasselli Chemical Company,

Clarksburg, West Va.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of information from the Clarksburgh Clinkering Company as to material received from you during the calendar year 1917, containing approximately 400 ounces gold and 344,000 ounces silver.

Information concerning the production of gold and silver is collected by this office each year for the purpose of estimating the production of the various states of the Union. I am, therefore, enclosing a blank form, with a return envelope which requires no postage, with the request that you advise me as to the source of the material worked by you and its disposition.

This information will be treated as confidential, and used only in the compilation of aggregates.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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April 11, 1918.

Dear Senator Owen;

By direction of the Secretary, I have the honor to invite attention to H. R. 8764, providing for the issue of a fifty-cent piece in commemoration of the admission of the State of Illinois into the Union.

The bill provides that the laws now in force relating to the minor coins of the United States shall, so far as applicable, apply to the coinage authorized by the pending bill. I would suggest that the laws relating to the subsidiary silver coinage should be applied.

I would also call your attention to the provisions of Section 3510, R. S., relative to the preparation of dies, and to the inadvisability of permitting the manufacture of them for coinage purposes outside of the Mint, and, further, to the provisions of Section 169 of the penal code.

Designs for the coins might be submitted by outside artists, to be used in the preparation of dies by the Engraver of the Mint.

A similar letter was addressed to Hon. William Ashbrook, Chairman, Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, on March 30th.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Secretary.

Honorable Robert L. Owen,
United States Senate.

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April 15, 1918.

Mr. A. V. Phillips,
2nd Vice President,
Bemis Bro. Bag Co.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Phillips:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 12th, together with copy of the circular letter which you sent out to the burlap bag manufacturers, and to thank you for your action in this matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 15, 1918.

Mr. Charles J. Rider,
1252 Innes Avenue,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 8th, I beg to state that at the present time there are no new designs for war medals or coins under contemplation. Your name will be placed upon the files of this Bureau and your attention invited at any future time to the work to be undertaken by sculptors.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 15, 1918.

Mr. Sam Lazarus,
c/ Quanah, Acme & Pacific Ry. Co.,
Frisco Building, St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 3rd, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and forwarded by him to this office for attention, beg to state that the subject matter of your letter would be of interest to the United States Geological Survey, and I have forwarded same to the Director of that branch of the Interior Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 15, 1918.

Hon. Henry F. Ashhurst,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Ashhurst:

Replying to your personal inquiry of this date, relative to letter of the Kingman Publishing Company in regard to the standardization of silver prices, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the bill introduced by Senator Pittman on April 9th. This bill is now before the Committee on Banking and Currency.

I shall be glad to keep you advised as to further progress of the bill.

The letter of the Kingman Publishing Company is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

2 Enclosures.

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April 15, 1918.

Mr. George A. Ritter,
2603 Olive Street,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 3rd, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this office, and in reply beg to state that an act of Congress is necessary to authorize the issue of coins of another denomination than those now minted.

Respectfully.

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 15, 1918.

Miss E. M. Thornton,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Miss:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant I beg to say that silver scrap in quantities approximating $100 in value will be received at the U. S. Assay Office, New York, and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes have been deducted. Silver is paid for at the market price of that metal, which, to-day, is about 95 cents per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 15, 1918.

Mr. Louis Epstein,
87 Goerck Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of April 9th addressed to the Bureau of Printing and Engraving has been referred to this office, and I beg to advise that you address your communication to the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., stating the line of work you are most proficient in. If there is any opening along this line, application blank will be furnished by the Commission.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 15, 1918.

Auditor Freight Accounts,
Chicago, Burlington, & Quincy Ry. Co.,
547 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Please refer to your file No. J-6460 and be advised that your bill No. 21037, amounting to $2.21, has been received in this office without supporting bill of lading. Accomplished bill of lading is necessary to support your claim, which will be held in this office pending the receipt from you of further directions.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 15,1918.

Commandant,
U. S. Marine Corps,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is bill of the Philadelphia mint amounting to $555.92 for the manufacture of one thousand (1,000) Good Conduct medals, ordered January 15, 1918.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the amount to the following appropriations:

Wages of Workmen, Mint at Phila., 1918, - - -	$460.64.
Contingent Expense, " " ,1918, - - -	95.28.
Total - - -	$555.92.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 17, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
#59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sirs:

I beg to confirm telephone acceptance of your offer of 125,000 ounces of silver purchased this day for delivery to the Mint at Philadelphia at the rate of 99-7/8 cents per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

R. D. Baker

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 17, 1918.

Southern Surety Company,
Denison, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Responding to your request of April 12th, you are advised that Mr. J. E. Bates is still cashier at the United States Mint, San Francisco.

Respectfully,

R. D. Cole

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 17, 1918.

Congressman Wm. J. Carey,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Carey:

I am returning herewith the letter of Mr. Martin Eriston relative to the proposed 50 cent piece, and beg to state that the bill introduced by Congressman Wheeler, authorizing the coinage of a 50 cent piece has not yet been approved.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enc.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 17, 1918.

Mr. John Lord,
Ruffin, N. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 16th inst., beg to state that if the ore really carries 1½ ounces of platinum to the ton, then a few tons could be melted with litharge in crucibles, adding a reducing agent if necessary. The resulting lead alloy might be enriched by cupellation or sold direct. While this would be an expensive operation, yet, at the present price for platinum it would soon yield enough to build a plant.

Respectfully,

R. O. Baker

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 17, 1918.

Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith bill of the Helena Assay office for one-half of the common expenses of that office and the Internal Revenue office, occupying the same building, paid by the Assay office.

Please cause amount in question - $9.92 - to be credited by transfer settlement to the appropriation Contingent Expenses, U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Montana, 1918.

Respectfully,

R. B. Bond

Director of the Mint.

Enc.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 17, 1916.

Dear Congressman Gillett:

Responding to your request of the 16th instant I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, on page 126 of which is given a table showing the coinage executed by the United States Mints since 1793.

There is also enclosed a circular which explains the various "mint marks" used upon the coins.

New coins may be obtained upon application to the Treasurer of the United States. The coinage as manufactured is delivered into the custody of the Treasurer, and that officer should be addressed for a supply of new issues.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Frederick H. Gillett,
House of Representatives.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 17, 1918.

Mr. W. H. O'Neal,
Rainbow, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 8th, you are advised that there is no instrument known to Science which will discover hidden treasure.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 17, 1918.

Director of the Bureau of Mines,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of technical paper No. 60, forwarded in response to my request.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I am,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 20, 1918.

United States Guarantee Co.,
111 Broadway,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of April 4th, beg to state that Joseph Labriola, an employee of the United States Assay Office at New York, has been absent on account of illness since last October. He is carried on the rolls of the office and it is not deemed desirable to require him to renew his bond at present.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 22, 1918.

Exporters' Encyclopedia Co.,
78-80 Broad Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of the 19th instant, there is enclosed herewith latest circular showing the values of foreign coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

1 Encl.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 22, 1918.

Mr. Charles Lyon,

Fairfax, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 20th, beg to advise that old gold and silver scrap in quantities approximating $100. in value and over will be received at the United States Assay Office, New York, and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after charges for preparing the metal for coinage purposes have been deducted.

Respectfully,

R. S. Baker

Director of the Mint.

OR

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 23, 1918.

Mr. F. L. Giffen,

721 Post Street,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 15th, relative to your experiments in the refining of gold, regret to advise that the Government is unable to accept the proposition you suggest.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

OR

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 24, 1918.

Mr. G. W. Hood,
Gilmer, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 18th, I beg to state that old gold and silver scrap will be received at the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado, in quantities approximating $100. in value and over, and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after charges for preparing the metal for coinage purposes have been deducted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 24, 1918.

The Auditor for the Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

With reference to your Fiscal Officers' Settlement No. 9929, dated April 12, 1918, of the account of John W. Phillips, Assayer in Charge of the Seattle Assay Office for the quarter ended September 30, 1917, I beg to enclose herewith letter of the Seattle Assay Office dated April 18th, and carbon copy of letter of this office addressed to the Auditor, dated January 5, 1918, pertaining to the item of $2.29, apparently erroneously disallowed in the settlement. Kindly advise if this item will be allowed without further action by this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 25, 1918.

Quartermaster,
West Point,
New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 23rd, I beg to advise you that this Bureau does not follow the rate of exchange of pesetas each day. I regret that we are unable to assist you in this matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 25th, 1918.

Mr. Bert Schattman,
545 West 111th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 23rd, beg to advise you that the relative proportion of silver in the dime is 900 parts to 100 parts of copper.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 25, 1918.

Mr. Geo. A. Veeder,
1514 North 7th St.,
Sheboygan, Wis.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 22nd, I beg to advise that the Government has never issued a coin of $100. in value. Congress, however, did authorize a $50 gold piece for the Panama Pacific International Exposition Company. These coins were sold by the Exposition Company for $100. each.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 25, 1918.

Mr. Ralph W. Chapin,
c/ State Savings Bank,
Hartford, Conn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 22nd, I would suggest that you forward gold chain you describe to the United States Assay Office, New York.

The Assay offices are not required to accept deposits which do not approximate in value $100. In this case, however, the chain will be accepted and payment made by check on the Treasurer of the United States for the value of the gold contained, at the rate of $20.67 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 25, 1918.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company,
414 Locust Street, St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith letter addressed to Mr. J. W. Hirst. The letter was opened by mistake in this Bureau. There is no one of this name employed in the office of the Director of the Mint. There is no United States Mint in Washington.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

1 Encl.

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April 25, 1918.

Mr. John Bouts,
N & W Y.M.C.A.,
Portsmouth, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 22nd, beg to advise that gold dollars were coined during the years 1849 to 1889 inclusive. There are none in the Treasury at present and I regret that I am unable to advise you where such coins could be procured.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 25, 1918.

Mrs. N. L. Mitchell,
Union Mills, N. C.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of April 19th, I beg to advise you that the pieces of gold you describe would not justify the charges which we would be obliged to impose for preparing the metal for coinage purposes. I regret that we cannot accept this material at any profit to you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 25, 1918.

Mrs. L. K. Aldersley,
2958 Cal. Street,
So. Berkeley, Cal.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of April 11th, addressed to the President, which has been referred to this office, I beg to state that appointments are made in the Mint at San Francisco on the recommendation of the Superintendent of that institution. I would suggest that you address a communication to the Superintendent, United States Mint, San Francisco, Cal. as to the possibility of procuring employment for your husband.

Respectfully,

M. McLeckie
Actg Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 26, 1918.

Wells Fargo & Company Express,

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Your bill No. T/D X-5, covering transportation of silver bullion from Philadelphia to New York on April 19th, has been received in this office without supporting evidence as to the shipment or delivery, usually furnished in the form of an accomplished bill of lading. In its present form the bill cannot be considered and is therefore being returned herewith.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Actg Director of the Mint.

1 Encl.

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April 26, 1918.

Auditor of Miscellaneous Accounts,
Pennsylvania Rr. Company,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith I am returning your bill No. 519/325 in amount $1.66, attention invited to evident error in your "Certificate of Loss of Bill of Lading" as to the number of the bill of lading.

There also appears to be a discrepancy in the date of the bill of lading as shown in the certificate and as shown on face of your bill.

Upon receipt of the corrected vouchers the account will be placed in line for settlement.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly
Actg Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 27, 1918.

Harris & Ewing,
1311 F Street,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 25th, enclosing a letter from the Editor of "Bank Notes" magazine. I regret that it will be impracticable for us to permit photographs to be taken of the processes of melting down or handling the silver dollars referred to in the Act of Congress recently passed. Under present conditions I do not deem it advisable to allow illustrations to be made of any of the processes of handling this silver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 30, 1918.

Mr. Charles W. Baughman,

Salem, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 24th, beg to advise that the Mexican dollar contains 377.1396 grains of pure silver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 30, 1918.

Superintendent of Supplies,
The Auditor's Building,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of April 27th, beg to request that six copies of the General Schedule of Supplies for 1919 be forwarded to this Bureau for the use of our institutions.

Respectfully,

Director ~~of the Mint~~.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

April 30, 1918.

Mr. Thomas P. McGinn,
1309 Steiner Street,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 20th, relative to your reinstatement, I beg to say that your case was duly considered by the Department, a decision was reached which resulted in your separation from the service on February 7, 1917, and there is no phase of the case pending before the Department at this time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 1, 1918.

Western Union Telegraph Company,

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I am returning your vouchers Nos. 11338 for 20 cents and 12048 for 53 cents, with the request that they be forwarded to the institutions from which the messages were sent for settlement.

These messages were not sent collect and the charges are payable by the sending offices.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 1, 1918.

Mr. E. B. Braden,
V.Pres. Selby Smelting & Lead Co.,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Braden:

I am enclosing herewith confirmation of a telegram sent you this day, and beg to take this occasion to express to you the appreciation of the Department for your very courteous co-operation in the matter of melting the silver dollars in order that we might meet an emergency shipment.

The Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco has advised me that you are willing to treat the bullion forwarded to you from the Mint at the rate of 25 cents per thousand ounces, it being understood that the transportation charges will be cared for by the Mint officials.

I am to-day addressing a letter to the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint requesting him to confer with you and arrange to have your account rendered to him for transmission to the Director of the Mint, in accordance with the above-stated agreement. If this is not entirely satisfactory to you please confer with the Superintendent of the Mint to whom I am sending a copy of this letter, that the matter may be adjusted to your satisfaction.

Permit me to again express the appreciation of this Bureau and of the Department for the courtesy and promptness with which you came to our assistance in handling this silver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 2, 1918.

The Postmaster General,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing bill of the Philadelphia Mint in the sum of $190.30 for the manufacture of stamped envelope dies.

Please cause the amount to be deposited to the credit of the following appropriations:

Wages of Workmen, Phila. Mint, 1918, - - $180.25.
Contingent Expense, " " , 1918, - - 10.05.

Copy of the order for manufacture of these articles and acknowledgement of their receipt accompany bill.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 3, 1918.

Mr. N. A. Holm,
c/ Arthur F. Tero Co.,
Muralla 59, Altos,
Habana, Cuba.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 18th, regret to advise you that there is no institution in Washington of the Government Service which is equipped to do such work for the public.

I would suggest that you communicate with the Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint, New Orleans, La.

Assays of rolled plate are made at a charge of $4. for each assay. I would suggest that you submit the sample to the above named official, who will advise you of the cost of treating it.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures:
Cuff link.
Check.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 3, 1918.

Dear Mr. Woodward:

Your letter of April 12th, addressed to the Secretary in behalf of Mr. Victor David Brenner, has been referred to this Bureau.

You will be glad to know that Mr. Brenner recently paid a visit to this office and I took great pleasure in going over the matter with him in regard to his desire to assist the Government during the period of the War.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Mr. Thomas M. Woodward,
Examiner to Chairman Daniels,
Interstate Commerce Commission,
Washington, D. C.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 3, 1918.

Mr. H. R. Drew, Asst. Cashier,
First National Bank of Joilet,
Joilet, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 29th, relative to Illinois Centennial half dollars, beg to advise you that the bill authorizing the execution of this coinage has not yet become a law.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 3, 1918.

Honorable C. F. Curry,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Curry:

Your letter of May 1 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing a letter from Mr. N. H. McLean, has been referred to this Bureau for consideration.

The matter of adjustment of wages paid at the San Francisco Mint is now under consideration in this Bureau and as soon as a conclusion is reached I will take pleasure in advising you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 3, 1918.

Dear Senator Phelan:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the letter of Mr. N. H. McLean forwarded by you to the Department for consideration.

The wage scale in the Mint at San Francisco is now being considered for adjustment, and as soon as definite action is taken I will take pleasure in advising you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Honorable James D. Phelan,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

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Bureau of the Mint.

Contingent Expense, Office of Director of Mint, 1918.

Mackall Brothers, May 4, 8

823 H. Street, N. E. Washington, D. C.

Storekeeper, Treasury Department.

4411	Nitric Acid ---------- (b) C. P., Sp. Gr., 1.42., in 7 lb. bottles., 10 bottles to the case.	70 lbs.	$.13	$ 9. 10

$ 9.10.

Director of the Mint.

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May 6, 1918.

U. S. Metals Refining Co.,
120 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of April 23rd, I beg to express my appreciation of your willingness to assist us in the matter of melting silver dollars.

It is not likely that the Department will be required to call for assistance outside of the mint institutions for the mutilating of the silver dollars. Your offer of assistance is, however, very much appreciated and I will be glad to take the matter up with you if we find it necessary to mutilate dollars in excess of our capacity for doing the work.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 6, 1918.

Mr. E. R. Reader,
c/ International Dry Milk Corpn.,
Borg's Pass, Daretwon, N. J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 11th, relative to silver contained in zinc concentrates, I beg to advise you that silver bullion will be purchased by the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York at $1.00 per ounce for silver 1,000 fine. I would suggest that you take the matter up with that officer, who is authorized by this Department to make purchases of silver bullion.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 6, 1918.

Honorable Charles B. Timberlake,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Timberlake:

Replying to your letter of April 23rd, I beg to state that the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia" is sold by the Superintendent of Documents of the Government Printing Office at $1.00 a copy. I regret that we have no copies of this document for gratuitous distribution; otherwise I would take pleasure in causing a copy to be sent to Mr. Chas. C. Townsend, at Greeley, Colorado, as you request.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 6, 1918.

Mr. Arthur S. Partridge,
Street Ry. Supplies,
Saint Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 30th, stating that you have an amount of silver approximating 19,000 kilos. in the city of Mexico, beg to advise you that if this silver is offered to one of the Mints or Assay Offices of the United States it will be purchased at the rate of $1.00 per ounce for silver one thousand fine, less the usual charges imposed upon such deposits.

This silver would have to be deposited in one of our United States institutions without interference by us as to the embargo or export license.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 7, 1918.

Mr. William H. Rounds,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Sir,

I have taken the matter of your account, together with the correspondence pertaining to it, to the Office of the Secretary of the Treasury, and have been instructed to request you to give us an itemization; the account to be divided by days into meals, rooms and baggage.

In returning the account once more, please permit me to assure you that I wish very much to avoid causing you any annoyance, and to state that I am doing that which seems to me is my duty as an officer who must certify to the propriety of the account, both as to its necessity and reasonableness.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 7, 1918.

Auditor of Freight Accounts,
Chicago, Burlington, & Quincy Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Herewith I am returning your bill No. 21037 as it is unsupported by evidence of shipment or of delivery of the materials carried to the consignee. Neither is there any evidence as to the material that evidently was shipped. There is therefore enclosed blank form "Certificate of Shipment" which should be filled out and returned to this office accompanied by the sub-voucher at present attached to the bill, certifying that if bill of lading is found it will be surrendered, etc.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 7, 1918.

Auditor of Miscellaneous Accounts,
Pennsylvania Ry. Co.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith I am returning your bill No. 519/304 with supporting sub-vouchers, for signature of the certifying officer and return to this office.

There is also enclosed your bill No. 519/326. This bill is unsupported by any evidence of shipment having been made and of the delivery of the shipment to the consignee. It is therefore requested that the usual certificate of shipment be provided on the form enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 7, 1918.

Auditor for the Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In response to your letter J. V. of the 3rd inst., requesting authorization for the sale of platinum at New York office, beg to forward herewith copies of letters authorizing sales of February 6 and March 7, 1917.

It should be explained that sales of one ounce or less represent samples of the platinum submitted to dealers for assay as a basis on which to submit proposals. It is impractical to return these samples and they are, therefore, sold at the amount offered by the highest bidder.

With reference to sales of one ounce or less under date of March 17th, you are advised that samples as usual were submitted to dealers on which bids were received but the bids were all rejected, the samples, however, were sold at the price offered by the highest bidder.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 9, 1918.

Miss Teresa Wessel,
Acting Postmaster,
Oakes, North Dakota.

Miss:

Replying to your letter of May 3rd, enclosing silver bullion belonging to Mr. Bittman, beg to advise that there is no Government institution in Washington where deposits of this nature are received. The bar of bullion has, however, been forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York, who will remit the value of the silver contents, after charges for preparing the metal for coinage purposes have been deducted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 10, 1918.

Mr. A. S. Rutherford,
2464 Grand Avenue,
Bronx, New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 6th relative to a deposit of gold plate you forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia, I beg to state that the charges to which you have called attention cover the assay of ores for gold, silver, copper, tin, zinc etc.

Assays of bullion and plated ware are made at the Mint in Philadelphia as indicated in Table of Charges. I regret that this was not made clear to you in letter from the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 10, 1918.

Mr. Frank S. Whitman,
68 Harbor Avenue,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date, beg to advise that asme, together with sample of rock, has been referred to the Smithsonian Institute of this city. This Institution will advise you as to content of enclosed sample.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 11, 1918.

The Chief of the
Bureau of Navigation,
Navy Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, amounting to $435.57, covering the cost of manufacturing 100 Medals of Honor.

In settlement of this account please cause the following amounts to be deposited to the credit of the appropriations for the support of the Mint at Philadelphia, 1918:-

Wages of Workmen ----------	$313.56	
Contingent Expenses, -------	122.01	$435.57

Respectfully,

N. Mac Quiddy
Actg. Director of the Mint.

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Bureau of the Mint.

Contingent Expense, Officer of Director of Mint, 1918. 1 918.

Rudolph & West Company,

1352 New York Ave., Washn., D. C. May 13, 8

Storekeeper, Treasury Department.

2630 10 lbs. Pure Bar Zinc - - - - - - - - 10 lb. $.31 $ 310

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Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 13, 1918.

My dear Henry:

Many thanks for your generous letter! In reply beg to state that I have not yet formulated rules governing the conditions named in the Pittman Silver Bill.

I am purchasing silver delivered to the mints at San Francisco, Denver, and Philadelphia, and the New York Assay Office at one dollar per ounce.

Bullion is received at the other assay offices, for which the Government is paying one dollar an ounce - for partings.

I am going into details, hoping to make it possible to increase the bids of the various assay offices of the West. As soon as I have definite information in regard to matters referred to in your letter, I shall be very glad to communicate with you.

It is my intention to come out West early next month, at which time I shall avail myself of the pleasure of seeing you and the rest of my good friends in Reno.

Sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

Mr. Henry M. Rives,
c/ Nevada Mine Operator's Assn.,
Reno, Nev.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 13, 1918.

My dear Alfred:

I have just returned to Washington and found your telegram. I shall be so glad to see you whenever you can get to Washington. Please let me know by wire when it is possible for you to come.

With all good wishes,

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Lieut. Alfred Whittell,
Camp Alfred Vail,
Little Silver,
N. J.

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May 13, 1918.

Mrs. J. M. Johnston,
311 West Sixth Street,
Stuttgart, Arkansas.

Madam:

In compliance with your letter of recent date I am returning herewith the sample of ore you sent to this office for assay. I regret that we cannot make use of same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 13, 1918.

Mrs. C. D. Bishop,

Noxen, Penna.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of May 6th, beg to suggest that you forward to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C. the burnt money you describe. If it can be redeemed that office will forward you a check for its value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 13, 1918.

Mr. D. C. Farthing,
94 West Pine Street,
Gloversville, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant beg. to advise that the Mint Service does not make platinum assays for the public.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 13, 1918.

Chief,

Smithsonian Institute,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith sample of metal received from Mr. H. T. Crabtree, Church Hill, Tennessee. Will you kindly advise the writer as to content of specimen?

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

1 Enclosure.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 14, 1918.

Chief,
Division of Mail and Files,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your recent inquiry as to room numbers occupied by the Mint Bureau beg to advise that rooms 170½, 172½, 174, and 176 are occupied by this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 14, 1918.

Clendenin Brothers,

P. O. Box 1002,

Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

The superintendent of the mint at Philadelphia has forwarded to this Bureau your letter of May 8th, together with letter forwarded by you to him from the American Smelting & Refining Company in regard to his account for copper.

I am about to take up with the Secretary the matter of requesting Congress for an additional appropriation for the Minor Coinage Metal Fund and hope to be able to supply Mr. Joyce with a larger capital upon which to draw for minor metal if we are successful in obtaining authority from Congress. Mr. Joyce is making every effort to reduce his account with you as promptly as possible. I appreciate the fact that the delay is a source of annoyance to you and it surely is an embarrassment to us.

Everything possible will be done to expedite favorable action on the part of Congress in regard to this fund and you will be advised of any progress we may make.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 14, 1918.

President,
U. S. Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 2nd relative to temporary appointment from outside the register of helpers under the Superintendents of the San Francisco and Denver mints, I beg to state that as far as this Department is aware the necessity for the employment of these temporary helpers will not be necessary after the first of July.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 14, 1918.

Hon. John I. Nolan,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Nolan:

Referring to your recent visit to this office and our correspondence with you in regard to employees at the San Francisco Mint, beg to say that I have looked up the case of Mr. Marisch and find that he is being paid at the rate of $5. per diem.

I have written the Superintendent at San Francisco in regard to Mr. Marisch. Mr. Marisch's present compensation compares favorably with the wage paid for similar services in the other institutions. However, if it is possible with the money at the disposal of the Superintendent at San Francisco, to increase Mr. Marisch's rate of compensation, I will take pleasure in approving the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 16, 1918.

Chief of Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 15th, enclosing a copy of your report of December 2, 1916 on "Palau" ware.

Copies of this report have been made and are being forwarded to our several offices.

We thank you very much for your courtesy in the matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 16, 1918.

Lewis & Adcock,
Knoxville, Tenn.

Sirs:

In response to your request of May 9th, I am returning herewith the sample of ore sent by you to the United States Assay office, St. Louis. There is no laboratory connected with the Government in Washington where analyses are made for aluminum. The United States Assay Office at St. Louis was closed several years ago.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

1 enclosure.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 16, 1918.

Mr. E. E. Hunter,
Damsel, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 10th, beg to advise you that there is no laboratory in Washington connected with the Government where assays are made free of charge for the public.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 16, 1918.

Mr. J. F. Mulhaupt,
914 Main Street,
Kansas City, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of May 9th, beg to advise that deposits of gold and silver scrap will be received at the New York Assay office in quantities approximating $100 or more in value. Value of contents will be paid for by check on Treasurer of the United States, after charges for preparing the metal for coinage purposes have been deducted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 16, 1918.

Mr. Gus Frank,
Sanitary Inspector,
Box 715, Christobal,
Panama Canal Zone.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 1st, which has been held in this office awaiting arrival of sample referred to in letter but which has never been received, beg to advise you that we do not make public assays for platinum or chromium.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 16, 1918.

Honorable Ed. S. Johnson,
United States Senate,
Washington.

Dear Senator Johnson:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 15th, enclosing a letter from Mr. Will H. Rounds relative to his expense account as a member of the annual Assay Commission.

Mr. Rounds' account is now being settled. I regret that I was obliged to return it to Mr. Rounds in order to have the account submitted in a form that could be certified by the Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 16, 1918.

Mr. M. A. Aulick,
Falmouth, Kentucky.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the gold bridge forwarded by you and beg to advise you that the mints do not receive deposits of this kind unless they approximate in value $100 or over.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

1 Enclosure.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 16, 1918.

Brentano's,
F & 12th Street,
Washington.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith your bill of May 13th. Kindly submit same on enclosed form, and oblige,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 20, 1918.

Mr. A. L. Flint, Chairman,
Panama Canal Red Cross Committee.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to Mr. Raymond T. Baker, Director of the Mint, I beg to advise that Mr. Baker is out of the city for the time being.

The tickets enclosed by you are respectfully returned.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encls.

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May 21, 1918.

Dear Mr. Wilmeth:

I am returning herewith the disk left by you for examination. This is a "Mystic Magic" medalet, one of several rather well known juggler's pieces whose origin is unknown to numismatists. Their size and milled edge and general resemblance to United States coins, apart of course from the types, probably accounts for the secrecy surrounding their origin. They are not rare.

With personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. James L. Wilmeth,
Director, Bureau of
Engraving and Printing.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 21, 1918.

Mr. W. R. Howard,

Cleburne, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant relative to platinum, beg to advise that your letter together with platinum has been referred to the War Trade Board, Council of National Defense, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 20, 1918.

Dear Mr. Brunyate:

I am enclosing herewith a receipt for $4,683,475.31 covering the value of fine silver shipped from the Mint at Philadelphia, and the Assay Office at New York in time to reach San Francisco for shipment on the S. S. Calusa due to sail May 24, 1918.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Mr. J. B. Brunyate,
British Embassy,
Washington, D. C.

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May 20, 1918.

Received from Sir Hardman Lever, K. C. B., Financial Secretary to the Treasury, Four Million Six Hundred and Eighty-Three Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy-Five Dollars and Thirty-One Cents ($4,683,475.31) the cost of 4,606,136.09 fine ounces of silver from the follwoing named institutions:-

U. S. Assay Office, New York, ---	769,012.96
U. S. Mint, Philadelphia ---------	3,837,123.126
Charges ----------	77,339.22
	4,683,475.31

The above amounts of silver have been delivered to the Wells Fargo & Company Express by the Superintendents of the institutions named.

$4,683,475.31.

Director of the Mint.

Sir Hardman Lever, K. C. B.,
Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

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May 22, 1918.

Auditor for the Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter - J. V. - of the 20th inst., I beg to advise as follows: On October 20, 1917 telegram as follows was sent to the various institutions of the Mint Service relative to silver price:-

" Effective October twenty third pay for silver partings at New York official price less fraction of cent, using quotation of previous day. If you do not receive New York quotation daily advise me. "

The New York official quotations from October 22, 1917 to April 22, 1918 follow:

			N. Y.					N. Y.
Oct.	22,	1917,	-- 83000	Nov.	1,	1917,	--	89375
"	23,	"	-- 82500	"	2,	"	--	88875
"	24,	"	-- "	"	3,	"	--	88375
"	25,	"	-- "	"	4,	"	--	Sunday.
"	26,	"	-- 83250	"	5,	"	--	87750
"	27,	"	-- "	"	6,	"	--	Holiday.
"	28,	"	-- Sunday.	"	7,	"	--	86625
"	29,	"	-- 84750	"	8,	"	--	86125
"	30,	"	-- 90625	"	9,	"	--	"
"	31,	"	-- 90125	"	10,	"	--	"
				"	11,	"	--	Sunday.

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Auditor for the Treasury Dept.

			N. Y.
Nov.	12,	1917,	-- 85125
"	13,	"	-- 85000
"	14,	"	-- "
"	15,	"	-- 85750
"	16,	"	-- "
"	17,	"	-- 85500
"	18,	"	-- Sunday.
"	19,	"	-- 85500
"	20,	"	-- 85250
"	21,	"	-- "
"	22,	"	-- 84625
"	23,	"	-- "
"	24,	"	-- "
"	25,	"	-- Sunday.
"	26,	"	-- 84125
"	27,	"	-- 84250
"	28,	"	-- "
"	29,	"	-- Holiday.
"	30,	"	-- 84250
Dec.	1,	"	-- 84250
"	2,	"	-- Sunday.
"	3,	"	-- 85375
"	4,	"	-- "
"	5,	"	-- "
"	6,	"	-- "
"	7,	"	-- 85875
"	8,	"	-- "
"	9,	"	-- Sunday.
"	10,	"	-- 85625
"	11,	"	-- "
"	12,	"	-- "
"	13,	"	-- "
"	14,	"	-- 86125
"	15,	"	-- 85875
"	16,	"	-- Sunday.
"	17,	"	-- 85875
"	18,	"	-- "
"	19,	"	-- "
"	20,	"	-- 85375
"	21,	"	-- 85625
"	22,	"	-- "
"	23,	"	-- Sunday.
"	24,	"	-- 86625
"	25,	"	-- Holiday.
"	26,	"	-- 86625
"	27,	"	-- "
"	28,	"	-- 86125
"	29,	"	-- 86875
"	30,	"	-- Sunday.
"	31,	"	-- 86875

			N. Y.
Jan.	1,	1918,	-- Holiday
"	2,	"	-- 86875
"	3,	"	-- 87375
"	4,	"	-- 89375
"	5,	"	-- 90125
"	6,	"	-- Sunday.
"	7,	"	-- 90125
"	8,	"	-- "
"	9,	"	-- "
"	10,	"	-- "
"	11,	"	-- "
"	12,	"	-- "
"	13,	"	-- Sunday.
"	14,	"	-- 90125
"	15,	"	-- 89625
"	16,	"	-- "
"	17,	"	-- 89375
"	18,	"	-- 89625
"	19,	"	-- "
"	20,	"	-- Sunday.
"	21,	"	-- 88625
"	22,	"	-- 87875
"	23,	"	-- "
"	24,	"	-- 87375
"	25,	"	-- "
"	26,	"	-- 87125
"	27,	"	-- Sunday.
"	28,	"	-- 87125
"	29,	"	-- "
"	30,	"	-- 86625
"	31,	"	-- "
Feb.	1,	"	-- 86625
"	2,	"	-- "
"	3,	"	-- Sunday.
"	4,	"	-- 86625
"	5,	"	-- "
"	6,	"	-- 86125
"	7,	"	-- "
"	8,	"	-- "
"	9,	"	-- 85750
"	10,	"	-- Sunday.
"	11,	"	-- 85750
"	12,	"	-- Holiday.
"	13,	"	-- 85625
"	14,	"	-- "
"	15,	"	-- "
"	16,	"	-- 85375
"	17,	"	-- Sunday.
"	18,	"	-- 85375
"	19,	"	-- "

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Auditor for the Treasury Dept.

			N. Y.
Feb. 20,	1918,	--	85375
" 21,	"	--	"
" 22,	"	--	Holiday.
" 23,	"	--	85125
" 24,	"	--	Sunday.
" 25,	"	--	85125
" 26,	"	--	"
" 27,	"	--	"
" 28,	"	--	"
Mar. 1,	"	--	85125
" 2,	"	--	"
" 3,	"	--	Sunday.
" 4,	"	--	85125
" 5,	"	--	"
" 6,	"	--	"
" 7,	"	--	"
" 8,	"	--	85625
" 9,	"	--	"
" 10,	"	--	Sunday.
" 11,	"	--	86000
" 12,	"	--	86500
" 13,	"	--	"
" 14,	"	--	"
" 15,	"	--	"
" 16,	"	--	"
" 17,	"	--	Sunday.
" 18,	"	--	87000
" 19,	"	--	87250
" 20,	"	--	88250
" 21,	"	--	89875
" 22,	"	--	90875

			N. Y.
Mar. 23,	1918,	--	92875
" 24,	1918,	--	Sunday.
" 25,	"	--	92875
" 26,	"	--	92125
" 27,	"	--	"
" 28,	"	--	"
" 29,	"	--	"
" 30,	"	--	"
" 31,	"	--	Sunday.
Apr. 1,	"	--	92125
" 2,	"	--	"
" 3,	"	--	"
" 4,	"	--	91875
" 5,	"	--	"
" 6,	"	--	91625
" 7,	"	--	Sunday.
" 8,	"	--	91375
" 9,	"	--	"
" 10,	"	--	"
" 11,	"	--	93375
" 12,	"	--	"
" 13,	"	--	"
" 14,	"	--	Sunday.
" 15,	"	--	95250
" 16,	"	--	95625
" 17,	"	--	"
" 18,	"	--	"
" 19,	"	--	"
" 20,	"	--	97750
" 21,	"	--	Sunday.
" 22,	"	--	99250

On April 23, 1918 telegram as follows was sent to each of the institutions of the Mint Service: " Beginning Tuesday April twenty third pay one dollar per fine ounce for silver."

The purchase price of $1.00 here indicated will continue until further notice.

Respectfully.

Director of the Mint.

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May 22, 1918.

Mr. Adran S. Rutherford,
2464 Grand Avenue, Bronx,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 13th, requesting the return of your letters, I beg to enclose same herewith.

If you desire to have the presence of metals other than gold and silver determined, I would suggest that you forward the dental plate to the U. S. Assay Office, Deadwood, South Dakota.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

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May 23, 1918.

Mr. R. S. Beifeld, Asst. Director,
Bureau of Research, War Trade Board,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of even date addressed to this office, I beg to advise that no statistics covering the quantity of gold consumed in different branches of the industries are known to us.

This office makes an annual estimate of the total quantity of gold consumed in the arts, and table for the years 1880 to 1916 may be found on page 67 of the enclosed report of the Director of the Mint for the year 1917.

The information received in this office is of a general character, not segregated as to quantity consumed in each branch of industry; it indicates that gold is used by manufacturers of jewelry, watch cases, optical goods, by dentists and dental supply houses, platers, china decorators and others.

For the calendar year 1899 an amplified inquiry was made, the results of which may be found on page 97 of the report of the Director of the Mint for the year 1900, which is also enclosed.

Trusting that the information contained may be of value to you.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

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May 22, 1918.

Honorable Leonidas D. Robinson,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Robinson:

I am enclosing herewith a small gold button, the result of melting the metal you left at this office yesterday. The piece weighs 2.5 grams.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

1 Encl.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 23, 1918.

Miss Clara Carrington,
112 North Seventh St.,
Richmond, Indiana.

Miss:

Replying to your card of May 20th, beg to advise that there is no publication issued by the Government covering the processes of coinage and the manufacture of paper money.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 23, 1918.

Miss Mildred Mote,

Richmond, Indiana.

Miss:

Replying to your card of May 20th, beg to advise that there is no publication issued by the Government covering the processes of coinage and the manufacture of paper money.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 23, 1918.

Nipissing Mining Company,

165 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of May 20th, I beg to enclose herewith Table of Charges in effect at the Mints and Assay offices of the United States and to call your attention to the charges covering silver bullion free from gold in "Class B". These charges would apply to the bullion you propose to deposit.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

1 Enclosure.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 23, 1918.

U. S. Smelting, Refining & Mining Co.,
120 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of May 15th, relative to your sale of 400,000 ounces silver to be delivered to the Mint at Philadelphia and the 100,000 ounces to be delivered to the Mint at Denver, I beg to state that the accounts should be rendered direct to the Superintendents of the Mints. It is not necessary for you to send copies of the invoices to us.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 23, 1918.

Mr. George D. Hinman,
181 Frances Street,
Waterbury, Connecticut.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 21st, I beg to advise that gold scrap will be purchased at the New York Assay office in quantities approximating $100 in value and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after charges for preparing the material for coinage purposes have been deducted. The value of gold is $20.67 per ounce 1000 fine.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 24, 1918.

Mr. J. W. Witt,

Hazard, Kentucky.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith copper coin sent to this Bureau with your letter of the 20th instant, and beg to advise that the coin is a one cent piece of the United States. There is no premium on the same.

Respectfully,

R J Baker

Director of the Mint.

1 Encl.

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May 24, 1918.

Mr. Philip T. H. Pierson,
Bennington, Vermont.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant, I beg to advise that old gold and silver scrap will be received at the New York Assay office, in quantities approximating $100 in value or over, and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after charges for preparing the material for coinage purposes have been deducted. Silver will be purchased at the rate of $1.00 per ounce 1000 fine, and gold at the rate of $20.67 per ounce 1000 fine.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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May 24, 1918.

Mr. J. W. Williams,

Quanah, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 18th, enclosing sample of metal for assaying, beg to advise that same is not a gold nugget as you suggest but is artificial - probably brass. Metal is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

1 Enclosure.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 24, 1918.

Mr. Alfred Fernow,
P. O. Box #222,
Colchester, Ill.

Sir:

Your note of May 21st enclosing a $2.50 gold piece has been forwarded to the United States Mint at Philadelphia. The Superintendent of that institution will remit to you the value of the gold content in the piece.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 27, 1918.

Hon. H. Garland Dupre,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Dupre:

Replying to your letter of May 17th which refers to an inquiry received by you from a constituent relative to the stars on the 25 and 50 cent coins, I beg to state that until 1892 the six pointed form of the star was employed; but on the reverse of the Half-dollar and Quarter of that year the five-pointed character was introduced, while the traditional six-point star was retained on the obverse. This change was probably due to the presence of a five-point star on the Great Seal, an adaptation of which forms the reverse type of these coins.

Trusting that this information will be of service to you, I am,

With personal regards,

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

Dear Garland. If you want anything else drop Lentulo. Ray

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May 27, 1918.

Hon. William Alden Smith,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 23rd, I beg to advise you that an act of Congress would be required to authorize the issue of a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation.

On account of the pressure of other legislation, the Department has made no recommendation during this Session in regard to a coin of a new denomination.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 27, 1918.

Mrs. Dora L. Kinney,
Clayville, Va.

Madam:

Replying to your card of the 22nd inst., I beg to advise that old gold and silver scrap in quantities approximating $100 in value will be received at the New York Assay Office, N. Y. and paid for by check on Treasurer of the U. S., after charges for preparing the metal for coinage purposes have been deducted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 27, 1918.

Mr. S. E. Pennypacker,
The Cleverly Electrical Works,
17 & 19 North 7th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 17th, beg to advise that the platinum scrap you sent to this office has been this day referred to the War Trade Board, Council of National Defense, Washington, D. C., which board has charge of the purchase of platinum for Government use.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 27, 1918.

Western Union Telegraph Company,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I am returning your voucher #1036 for twenty cents ($.20) with request that it be forwarded to the United States Assay Office, New York City for payment. The message was not sent collect and is payable by the sending office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

1 Enclosure.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 28, 1918.

Mr. John Michaud,

Faribault, Minn.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of May 22nd, beg to suggest that you communicate with the War Trade Board, Raw Materials Division, Council of National Defense, Washington, D. C. in regard to the sale of platinum

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 28, 1918.

United Metals Selling Company,
42 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone acceptance of your offer of 100,000 ounces silver to be delivered to the United States Mint at Philadelphia and 100,000 ounces silver to be delivered to Brown Bros., New York, at one dollar ($1.00) per ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 29, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Confirming my conversation with you this morning, I beg to accept your offer of 250,000 ounces fine silver to be delivered to Brown Bros., New York at $1.00 per ounce 1000 fine.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 29, 1918.

Mr. Fred A. Whiting,
General Delivery,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 25th, addressed to the Committe on Public information, which has been referred to this Bureau for answer, I beg to advise that the Lincoln Penny was first coined in June, 1909, 20,000,000 pieces being coined at this time. During the same month there were 2,213,575 pieces coined with the Indian Head. Total coinage during year 1909:

Indian Head - - - -	14,679,645	pieces.
Lincoln Head, - - -	103,006,618	"

The Buffalo Nickel was coined first in Feby, 1913. Amount coined during the year 1913 --- $3,682,961.95.

The new dime was issued Oct. 27, 1916, the new quarter Dec. 29, 1916 and the new half dollar December 28, 1916. (See page 79 & 80 of Report for 1917 - enclosed herewith.)

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

1 Encl.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

May 29, 1918.

Honorable Burton L. French,
House of Representatives,
Washington.

Dear Congressman French:

Replying to your letter of May 27th, I have taken pleasure in forwarding to Mr. H. Glen Coulson a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint which shows the coinage executed for the Government and contains all the information availabe in published form on the subject of coinage.

Mr. Coulson has been informed that the report has been sent at your request.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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United States Mint, San Francisco.

Contingent Exp. U. S. Mint, San Francisco, 1918.

Novelty Incandescent Lamp Co.,

Emporium, Pennsylvania.

May 29, 1918.

Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Calif.

1 standard package 60 watt, 245 volt,

1504 carbon filament electric lamps. 250 Std. Pkg. .145 36 25

Edison Base.

36 25

36 25

Director of the Mint.

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May 29, 1918.

Dr. J. E. Condren,
1023 State Street,
Erie, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

The gold forwarded by you has been received in this office and has to-day been forwarded to the New York Assay Office, New York city. Scrap gold is received by the New York assay office in quantities approximating $100 in value and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the U. S., after charges for preparing the metal for coinage purposes have been deducted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 29, 1918.

Mr. H. Glen Coulson,
Box 114, Mullan, Idaho.

Sir:

In accordance with request of Honoable Burton L. French, I am today forwarding you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint. This contains all the information available in published form concerning coinage. Trusting that you may find this Report of value,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 29, 1918.

Joseph Dixon Crucible Company,
Jersey City, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Will you please advise the Bureau at your earliest convenience of the rates at which you will deliver to the Mint at San Francisco the following graphite goods? Please include in your bid the cost of delivery.

CRUCIBLES.

	Size No.	Desired.
	6	100
	8	50
	12	20
	45	20
	50	50
Spec.	80	500
	100	500
	150	100

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Joseph Dixon Crucible Co.,
Jersey City, N. J.

COVERS.

SIZE.	DESIRED.
8	20
10	20
12	30
20	20
45	20
50	30
80	30
100	50
150	30

DIPPERS.

	Size.	Desired.
Special	6"	100

Stirrers.

Size.	Desired.
8"	50
14¾"	30
Ball plunger type - -	100

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 29, 1918.

Gautier & Company,

Jersey City, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Will you please advise the Bureau at your earliest convenience of the rates at which you will deliver to the Mint at San Francisco the following graphite goods? Please include in your bid the cost of delivery.

CRUCIBLES

Size No.	Desired.
6	100
8	50
12	20
45	20
50	50
Spec. 80	500
100	500
150	100

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Gautier & Company,

Jersey City, N. J.

COVERS

Size.	Desired.
8	20
10	20
12	30
20	20
45	20
50	30
80	30
100	50
150	30

DIPPERS

Size.	Desired.
Special 6"	100

STIRRERS.

Size.	Desired.
8"	50
14¾"	30
Ball plunger type - - - - - -	100

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 29, 1918.

Jonathan Bartley Crucible Co.,

Trenton, N. Jersey.

Gentlemen:

Will you please advise the Bureau at your earliest convenience of the rates at which you will deliver to the Mint at San Francisco the following graphite goods? Please include in your bid the cost of delivery.

CRUCIBLES.

	Size No.	Desired.
	6	100
	8	50
	12	20
	45	20
	50	50
Spec.	80	500
	100	500
	150	100

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Jonathan Bartley Crucible Co.,
Trenton, New Jersey.

COVERS.

Size.	Desired.
8	20
10	20
12	30
20	20
45	20
50	30
80	30
100	50
150	30

DIPPERS.

Size.	Desired.
Special 6"	100

STIRRERS.

Size.	Desired.
8"	50
14¾"	30
Ball plunger type - - -	100

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 29, 1918.

The Auditor for the Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith find for your files contract of Hamilton & Hansell for installation of electric furnaces in the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

1 Enclosure.

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May 29, 1918.

. J. C. Wells, Supt. Coining Dept.,
U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado.

r:-

The annual settlement of the United States Mint at San Francisco to begin on Monday, June ~~17~~ 10, 1918. You have been designated to act chairman of the Committee.

You will obtain from the Superintendent, on form 976, a statement rtified to by the bookkeeper, of the gold and silver bullion, coin d other moneys on hand on a day agreed upon for the close of the ttlement, which shall be as of June 30, 1918. A statement of balan- s at the beginning of the settlement will not be required.

All of the bullion and coin on hand will be weighed or counted you to ascertain if the amounts called for by the books are on hand, t it will not be necessary to open the vaults containing coin or llion now under joint seal of the Superintendent and the representa- ves of this Bureau, but you will accept the certificates, attached the vaults, of the amount contained therein as correct. You will ce under joint seal any coin or bullion desired by the Superinten- nt, and state the fact in your report.

As early as practical in the settlement you should make arrange- nts with the Superintendent regarding the receipt of deposits dur- the settlement.

In weighing the bullion delivered in settlement you will careful- note the character and quality of the same; whenever necessary you ll take samples for check assays, but it should be noted that chip drill samples of brittle bullion or bullion over 50 in base metals e liable to give assays differing from the reported fineness.

You are authorized to call upon the Treasurer of the United ates for the balances in the checking accounts of the Superintendent. order to get the information needed, request should be made in time r preparation of depositary statements and for mail to reach you, m Washington, by the time the information is required for use; and r message should ask for the mailing of statements of checks paid d balances for all disbursing accounts of the Superintendent to e latest practicable date in order to surely reach you by the date quired.

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J. C. Wells, Supt. Coining Dept.,
U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado.

May 29, 1918.

You are directed to make careful inquiry into the possible sources
ain and loss of bullion in the different divisions of the institu-
n, from the amount charged thereto per the bookkeeper's and other
ords; stating, so far as practicable, the results of mass melting,
making ingots more or less than 900 fine while accounting for them
900; the quantity of silver not paid for in gold deposits containing
s than 8 thousandths of silver, and the results from all other
rces of gain and loss that may come to your notice. Please recon-
e these figures, giving estimates where necessary, with the net
ns and losses for the year.

As required during the course of the settlement you will obtain
the officers, statements signed by them of the material in their
ssession, which you will use in checking off the material as delivered.

Before closing the settlement, you will obtain from each officer
rtificate of delivery of material on Form 986. You will also ob-
from each officer a statement of any coin, precious metal or
or coinage metal in his possession, but not charged to him on the
ks.

Form 900 and 901 will not be required by the settlement officers,
should be forwarded by the Superintendent to the Bureau as soon
er the close of the settlement as possible.

Minor coinage metal, including ingots and clippings, will not
weighed by the Committee, but will be accepted at the quantities
tified to by the bookkeeper if inspection by the Committee gives
sonable assurance that the quantity so certified is on hand, and
the records of quantity operated upon reasonably support the
are claimed.

The report of the Committee should show:-

The quantities of the different kinds of metal delivered to the
mittee from the melting and refining and from the coinage depart-
s, the amounts with which which charged per bookkeeper's certifi-
on Form 976, and the difference, whether gain or loss; the amounts
ivered from other divisions of the institution and whether or not
agree with the bookkeeper's certificate; the amounts placed under
t seal; results of the inquiry into the sources of gain and loss
reasons, so far as obtainable, for any apparently excessive loss;
other matters of consequence coming to the attention of the committee.

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. J. C. Wells, Supt. Coining Dept.,
U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado.

You will accept and forward with your report a certified
entory of the stores and other property under the control of the
erintendent; this inventory will not be completely checked but
eneral survey of the materials will be made.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 29, 1918.

Dear Congressman Nolan:

I have your letter of the 22nd instant relative to the payment of temporary employees while absent from duty on account of lack of work in the coining department of the Mint at San Francisco.

The suspension of operations in the coining Department is for a short period, and I have made inquiry as to the possibility of paying the temporary employees during this enforced absence. I find that it is the practice of the Department to allow no leave with pay to men who are employed for three months or less. This practice is supported by the Act of March 2, 1895, 28, S. 747, with respect of employees of the District of Columbia, and also the Act of February 1, 1901, which relates to the pro rata leave of employees temporarily engaged at Navy Yards, Arsenals, etc.

As the men who are temporarily employed at the San Francisco Mint are appointed for a period not to exceed ninety days it has not been the custom to allow annual leave with pay.

I appreciate the interest you have taken in the members of the force of the San Francisco Mint, and

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regret that the regulations of the Department will not permit me to accede to your wishes in regard to paying the temporary employees for time absent from work.

With personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. John I. Nolan,
House of Representatives.

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June 1, 1918.

The Press Illustrating Service,
142 West Twenty-Third Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your request I am enclosing herewith photograph to be used for publication.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 1, 1918.

Mr. S. Demant,
1522 Willow Avenue,
Niagara Fall, N. Y.

Sir:

The package containing three silver anodes has been received and forwarded to the U. S. Assay Office, New York. The Superintendent of that institution will report to you the value, and pay for the silver. There is no institution in Washington connected with the Government where such deposits are received from the public.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 4, 1918.

Edward Thompson Company,

Northport, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I am forwarding an order for supplement to Federal Statutes, annotated, for the period January 1918 to June 1918, inclusive.

It is expected that beginning July 1st advance subscription will be made for the same publication for one year. We prefer to have our subscriptions run from July to June rather than from January to December.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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DIRECTOR OF THE MINT

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1918.

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Northport, New York

June 4 8

tor of the Mint, Washington, D. C.

Federal Statutes Annotated Supplement,

January to June, 1918 1 1.50

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Director of the Mint.

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June 17, 1918.

John Wells

Mr. E. D. Hawkins,
Chief Clerk, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Down to N.Y.

Sir:

The annual settlement of the Assay Office at New York will begin on Monday, June ~~17~~ 23, 1918. You have been designated to act as chairman of the Committee.

You will obtain from the Superintendent, on Form 976, a statement certified to by the bookkeeper, of the gold and silver bullion, coin and other moneys on hand on a day agreed upon for the close of the settlement, which shall be as of June 30, 1918. A ststement of balancesat the beginning of the settlement will not be required.

All of the bullion ~~xxxxxxx~~ on hand will be weighed by you to ascertain if the amounts called for by the books are on hand. It will not be necessary to open the vaults containing bullion now under joint seal of the Superintendent and the representatives of this Bureau, but you will accept the certificates attached to the vaults of the amount contained therein as correct. You will place under joint seal any bullion indicated by the Superintendent for storage, and state the fact in your report.

As early as practicable in the settlement please make arrangements with the Superintendent regarding the receipt of deposits during the settlement.

In weighing the bullion delivered in settlement please note the character and quality of the same; whenever necessary you will take samples for check assays, but it should be noted that chip or drill samples of brittle bullion, or bullion over 50 in base metals are liable to give assays differing from the reported fineness.

You are authorized to call upon the Treasurer of the United States for the balance in the checking accounts of the Superintendent. In order to get the information needed, request should be made in time for the preparation of depository statements and for mail to reach you, from Washington by the time the information is required for use. Your message should ask for the mailing of statements of checks paid and balances for all disbursing accounts of the Superintendent to the latest practicable date approximating the date the figures are needed.

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You will please make careful inquiry into the possible sources of gain or loss of bullion in the different divisions of the institution from the amount charged in the bookkeeper's and other records, stating, so far as practicable, the results of mass melting, the quantity of silver not paid for in gold deposits containing less than 8 thousandths of silver, and the results from all other sources of gain or loss that may come to your attention. Please reconcile these figures, giving estimates where necessary, with the net gains and losses for the year.

As required during the course of the settlement you will obtain from the officers, statements signed by them of the material in their possession, which you will use in checking off the material as delivered.

Before closing the settlement please obtain from each officer a certificate of delivery of material on Form 986. You will also obtain from each officer a statement of the precious metals in his possession, including platinum, paladium, etc. but not charged to him on the books. The statements should be verified as to the amounts as far as pracitcable.

Form 900 ~~and 991~~ will not be required by the settlement officers, but should be forwarded by the Superintendent to the Bureau as soon after the close of the settlement as possible.

The report of the Com mittee should show:-

The quantities of the different kinds of metal delivered to the Committee from the melting and refining and from the coinage department, the amounts with which charged per the bookkeeper's certificate on Form 975, and the difference, whether gain or loss; the amounts delivered from other divisions of the institution and whether or not they agree with the bookkeeper's certificate; the amounts placed under joint seal; results of inquiry into the sources of gain and loss with reasons, so far as obtainable, for any apparently excessive loss; and other matters of consequence coming to the attention of the committee.

You will accept and forward with your report a certified inventory of the stores and other property under the control of the Superintendent; this inventory will not be completely checked but a general survey of the materials will be made.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By N. McReilly

Acting Director.

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June 20, 1918.

Wells Fargo & Co. Express,

Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your inquiry of the 14th instant I have to advise that your bill No. 35892 for $52.53 was settled by the Auditor for the Treasury Department under date of April 26, 1918. You should have received Treasury warrant in payment for same within ten days of that date.

I am unable to give any information concerning bill No. 35893 for $1213.14 without further data - kind of material transported, between what points, and date bill was forwarded to this office; would suggest, however, that the bill has probably been paid as has the one carrying the previous number.

Respectfully,

M. McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 20, 1918.

The Auditor
of the Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the contract with the Denver Gas and Electric Light Company, covering electric current to be supplied during the fiscal year 1919, duly approved.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 21, 1918.

Mr. J. H. Meredith,

c/o U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

I am in receipt of bill of the Pennsylvania R. R. Co. covering cost of transportation of yourself and Mr. Sklarz to San Francisco and return, with side trip to Grand Canyon, as per transportation requests.

As these tickets were purchased prior to June 10th they are not good for the entire trip and it is requested that they be forwarded at once to this office for redemption in so far as unused.

Concerning the use of transportation requests will state that they may not be used for other than the most direct route when any additional expenses over direct route are involved. Such extra expenses are not payable by the Government but by the traveler from his personal funds, at the time the expenses are incurred. When Governmental and personal expenses are mixed in the same bill they usually are quite troublesome to "unscramble." Refunds will probably be necessary on account of the Grand Canyon trip.

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Will you kindly bring this letter to the attention of Mr. Sklarz with the request that he join you in acting in accordance therewith.

I trust the trip is proving enjoyable to both of you as well as of value from a business standpoint.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 22, 1918.

National City Bank (Foreign Exchange Department),
New York City.

Gentlemen:

For some time past you have been so kind as to make quarterly revision of the "Remarks" column of our circular "Values of Foreign Coins", and I am again asking that you perform this service.

The circular goes to the printer about the 27th, final proof about the 28th or 29th. At times your information has not reached us in time to be used, therefore if you can find it convenient to con- time accomodating us would suggest that you let us know about how much time you need for preparing the information and we will act accordingly in making our request.

Assuring you of our appreciation of your courtesy,

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 25, 1918.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department.

Sir:

The subject matter of your letter of the 11th instant addressed to the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint concerning proposals for attachment to vouchers for supplies purchased, in which is quoted Sec. 3743 R.S. as amended by the Dockery Act, has been referred by the Superintendent to this office.

Replying wish to state that the requirement of the statute - the filing of contracts with the Auditor - is regularly and promptly complied with.

Concerning the purchase of supplies in the open market would state that it is impractical to at all times secure written bids on articles required for use, particularly those of small value. The Superintendent states that dealers are indifferent about making sales to the mint. Written requests for bids are frequently ignored. This would result in costly delay to work.

The practice at the San Francisco Mint is to obtain telephoned bids on small purchases, and at times on larger items when prices are fluctuating from day to day (such as pig tin or zinc), and when conditions seem to warrant it (e.g. - if inspection prior to purchase is desirable) to send a representative to dealers and obtain quotations in that way; thus both expediting the work and saving the time of the purchasing employees. The prices quoted, also the methods used in obtaining same, are stated for each voucher, and it appears that the interests of the Government are fully protected in that competition is obtained, the price most advantageous to the Government is accepted, and purchase is made in the most economical manner. This has been the practice for years and I am not aware of any good reason why it should be abandoned at this time.

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If there is any authoritative requirement that notwithstanding the foregoing we must incur additional expense and loss of time in order that written proposals may be obtained in every instance, I would be glad to have you refer me to same.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at New York, 1918.

Underwood Typewriter Co., June 25, 1918,

Washington, D. C.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office, New York, N. Y.

Underwood Typewriter No. 5, pin type, for check writing,	$67.50	
Less-		
To be exchanged:- Underwood Typewriter, No. 5, for check writing, (Serial No. 312250)	22.50	45 00

Sample of type attached.

45 00

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 26, 1918.

Auditor of Revenues, Misc. Division,
Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Company,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

Referring to voucher 38198 accompanied by your letter, 1400-38198 dated June 1, 1918, addressed to Mr. P. J. Kelly, A. T. N., Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, Philadelphia, Pa., you are advised that the waiver mentioned in said letter did not accompany the voucher. The bill is being held pending receipt of the waiver.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 26, 1918.

Director of Statistics,
Calcutta, India.

Dear Sir:

Your communication of April 16, 1918, is at hand and I take pleasure in stating that the methods employed by the Australian Bureau of Statistics are substantially the same as those employed by this Bureau in compiling statistics on the gold production of the world.

When official returns are not available, what appear to be the best figures at hand are used. Of recent years we have used for Mexico the imports into the United States of gold ore and bullion, since no official figures are available and the United States has for many years received by far the greater part of the Mexican product. The figures used for Japan were furnished officially, while for Russia no authentic information has been available and the figures recently used are pure estimates. Relative to New Zealand, it is noted from the statement of the Australian Commonwealth Statistician that the fine kilos reported to us are really crude and that we should have accepted the reported value as our basis of conversion; these discrepancies between the reported weight (or rather, its being reported as fine) and value are doubtless fruitful cause of inaccuracies and differences.

An additional source of difference in 1914 and 1915 is what appears to be a duplication (which was brought to the attention of the Australian Commonwealth Statistician in October last) in the Australian compilation of Gold Coast figures under the head of Sierra Leone. The report of this office carried, for those years, the West African product under the head of Sierra Leone; this has been discontinued for 1916 and future.

Very truly yours,

N. McRae

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 27, 1918.

Hon. Eduardo Higginson,
Consul General
Consulate General of Peru,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I have pleasure in informing you that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been authorized to proceed with the preparation of the dies and to execute the coinage desired by the Government of Peru, in accordance with the specifications and conditions which you have furnished, June 3rd, 1918, affirmed by the Secretary of State June 14, in his letter to this Department.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 27, 1918.

Auditor Miscellaneous Accounts,

Pennsylvania R. R. Co.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your file 519/304, letter of the 24th instant, beg to state that your bill No. 519/326 is not found in this office and if it was not received by you it is suggested that duplicate be prepared and supported by certificate of shipment on the enclosed form, certificate of shipment having been requested in letter of this office dated May 7, 1918.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 27, 1918.

The Pullman Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith the original of your voucher No. Ed-55515 for $21.40, inviting attention to copy of letter of this office addressed to the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint under date of May 7th and copy of his reply under date of May 13, 1918.

Original transportation requests supporting the voucher are also enclosed.

Please take such steps as are necessary to care for the apparent overcharge of $3.40.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 28, 1918.

The Auditor for the Treasury,
Auditor's Building,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith application and agreement for electric power service for the U. S. Assay Office, Seattle, Washington, duly approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

N. McFeely

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 28, 1918.

Mr. E. J. Wagor,

U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Dear Mr. Wagor:

Herewith I am forwarding an unused Pennsylvania R. R. mileage book for your use on return trip after close of the settlement. It will be sufficient to take you as far as Chicago, or nearly to St. Louis if you return that way. New mileage books have also been sent to Messrs Hawkins and Denckla. It is understood that Mr. Magruder has a mileage book for his use in returning as far as Washington.

Any unused portion of the enclosed mileage book should be returned promptly to this office after you are through with it.

Respectfully,

M McRuly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 28, 1918.

Mr. E. D. Hawkins,

Assay Office, New York.

Dear Mr. Hawkins:

Herewith find two unused Pennsylvania R. R. mileage books for use of yourself and Mr. Denckla on return trip at the close of the settlement. Please return to this office the partially used book you have, with memo showing number of miles used therefrom for each person traveling thereon. The enclosed books will be sufficient to take each of you to Chicago, or nearly to St. Louis, should you return that way. Any unused portion should be returned to this office promptly. A new book is being sent Mr. Wagor for his use on return trip.

It is understood that Mr. Robey has a mileage book for his use on return trip to Washington.

Respectfully,

N. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Mint at San Francisco, 1918.

seph Dixon Crucible Company June 28, 1918.

Jersey City, N. J.

ntendent, U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Crucibles:

No. 50	25	$6.75	168 75
100	250	13.50	3,375 00
150	50	20.25	1,012.50

F. O. B. San Francisco Mint.

4,556 25

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Mint at San Francisco, 1918.

H. Gautier & Co., June 28 8

Jersey City, N. J.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Crucibles:			
No. 45	20	$6.07	121 40
50	25	6.75	168 75
100	250	13.50	3,375 00
150	50	20.25	1,012.50
Stirrers:			
8"	50	.25	12 50
14-3/4"	30	.50	15 00
Plungers	100	2.00	200 00

F. O. B. San Francisco.

4,905 15

N. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Mint at San Francisco, 1918.

Jonathan Bartley Crucible Company — June 28 — 8

Trenton, N. J.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Crucibles:			
No. 6	100	$1.15	115.00
8	50	1.43	71 50
12	20	1.74	34 80
80 Special	500	11.40	5,700 00
Covers:			
8	20	.18	3.60
10	20	.22	4 40
12	30	.26	7 80
20	20	.44	8 80
45	20	.98	19 60
50	30	1.09	32 70
80	30	1.74	52 20
100	50	2.14	107 00
150	30	3.20	96 00
Dippers:			
6"	100	.72	72 00
			6,325. 40

(Dimensions of No.80 crucible, 16-7/8"high,12"top, 12-13/16" bilge, 8" bottom outside.)
Prices, F. O. B. San Francisco.

6,325 40

M. McReidy

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 29, 1918.

Mr. F. H. Chaffin,
Chairman Settlement Committee,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Chaffin:

In response to your wire regarding .21 ounce of fine gold assay samples, I have just wired you as follows:-

"Twenty one hundredths ounce fine gold assay samples left in cashier's office last year, not sealed. See Bureau letters July nineteenth, twenty-ninth; August fourth, fifteenth, nineteen-sixteen."

When Mr. Carpenter made the final checking of the accounts at last settlement the certificate bar account was .21 short. As the vaults had been sealed this amount was left in the Cashier's office. Doubtless you will recall the correspondence on this matter in 1916.

Respectfully,

M. McRailey

Acting Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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July 1, 1918.

Isaac Brandon & Brothers,
17 Battery Place,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 25th of June, relative to coinage for Panama, I beg to state that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been instructed to proceed with the execution of the coinage desired.

On account of the annual settlement of the Mint, which the law requires, we have suspended coinage in that institution until July 15th. The Superintendent has, however, been instructed to make whatever preparations possible in anticipation of the execution of the coinage, with a view to expediting the work.

It will be impossible for the Mint to supply the metal. In regard to the nickel required, I have taken the liberty of consulting the representative of the International Nickel Company in this city ~~in~~ with a view to assisting, if possible, to procure the amount you require. I have to-day been requested to ask you

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to call upon Mr. Lawson of the International Nickel Company, New York, and you are at liberty to say that you have been referred to him by this Bureau, Mr. Lawson has been informed that you would require approximately 1,700 pounds of screen shot nickel.

I beg further to refer to the paragraph in letter of this Bureau under date of June 22, relating to the weight of the 5-centesimos piece. Will you please advise me as to the weight of the piece.

Respectfully,

Th. McRiell

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 2, 1918.

Dear Mr. Hassan:

There are enclosed herewith four requests for transportation which I hope will reach you in ample time.

Very sincerely

W. Masfield

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July 2, 1918.

Dear Mr. Denckla:

There are enclosed herewith transportation requests which I hope will reach you in ample time.

Very sincerely yours,

Enclosures:
4 requests for
transportation.

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July 2, 1918.

War Industries Board,
Council of National Defense,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith a platinum chain left at this Office by Mrs. General Corbin, 2122 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Corbin has been advised of the transmittal of the chain to you, and that remittance will be made through you for the value of the same.

Respectfully,

A. M. Field

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 2, 1918.

Mr. F. W. Steber
504 Stewart Building,
Houston, Texas.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 24th, advising of the shipment of a package containing platinum-iridium crucibles, together with filings and scrap, which you have generously donated to the Government.

Please accept an expression of appreciation from this Department.

The package has been transmitted unopened to the War Industries Board, Council of National Defense, Washington, D. C., and the Board has been informed of this letter to you.

Respectfully,

F. McPherson

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 3, 1918.

Mr. E. D. Hawkins,

New York Assay Office.

Dear Mr. Hawkins:

This office is required to make an annual report concerning travel and in order to do so it is necessary that we keep an accurate record of mileage used on different trips. From the mileage book returned with your letter of the 1st 250 miles have been removed, and as the regular deduction from Washington to New York is 225 miles it is thought that the book may have been used in part for one of those traveling with you. If Mr. Denckla has a mileage book that was used between here and Philadelphia or New York will you ask him to kindly return it. The assistance of yourself and Mr. Denckla in preventing a tangle of the mileage proposition will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Thos. Reilly,

Acting Director.

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July 5, 1918.

Auditor for the

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Please cause settlement to be made for covering into the Treasury as an unappropriated revenue the amount named below, representing the loss in weight due to abrasion of silver dollars melted or broken up under the Act of April 23, 1918. The charges on silver-dollar bullion sold, imposed under the terms of the Act, include an estimate for abrasion; they have been covered into the Treasury to the credit of the Special Fund -"Charges on silver-dollar bullion sold."

Silver dollars have been melted or broken up under the terms of the Act, from April 23 to June 30, 1918, as follows:

Face value - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$68,752,554
Legal weight of same, fine ounces - -	53,175,803.46
Actual weight before destruction, fine ounces - - - - - - - - - - - -	53,048,200.44
Abrasion, fine ounces - - - - - - - - -	127,603.02

Amount of 127,603.02 oz. at $1.00, $127,603.02, to be charged to "Special Fund - Charges on silver-dollar bullion sold" and credited as a "Receipt for abrasion on silver dollars melted for sale as bullion."

Respectfully,

Th. McRaily

Acting Director.

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July 5, 1918.

The Equitable Trust Company of New York,
37 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 1st instant I beg to say that our stock of silver in the Mint at San Francisco is not beyond the needs of the institution named in its coinage operations. The capacity of our refinery in the San Francisco Mint is limited to the demands of the Mint for coinage metal. I regret, therefore, that it would be impossible for us to furnish bars in San Francisco against delivery of silver bars in New York.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 6, 1918.

Journal of Commerce & Commercial Bulletin
32 Broadway, New York City.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is public voucher, form 939, for renewal subscription of the Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin for one year from July 1, 1918, which you are requested, as payee, to sign in accordance with foot note; return the voucher to this office and check will be forwarded to you upon receipt of same.

Respectfully,

N. McRedly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 6, 1918.

Commercial and Financial Chronicle,
Front, Pine and Depeyster Streets,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is public voucher, form 939, for renewal subscription of the Commercial and Financial Chronicle for one year from July 1, 1918, which you are requested, as payee, to sign in accordance with foot note; return the voucher to this office and check will be forwarded to you upon receipt of same.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 6, 1918.

The Bankers Publishing Co.,

253 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is public voucher, form 939, for renewal subscription of the Bankers Magazine for one year from July 1, 1918, which you are requested, as payee, to sign in accordance with foot note; return the voucher to this office and check will be forwarded to you upon receipt of same.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 6, 1918.

The Mining Journal,
15 George Street,
Mansion House,
London, E. C. 4.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is public voucher, form 939, for renewal subscription of the Mining Journal for one year from July 1, 1918 which you are requested, as payee, to sign in accordance with foot note; return the voucher to this office and check will be forwarded to you upon receipt of same.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 1, 1918.

Waterlaw & Sons, Limited,
London Wall, London, Eng.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is public voucher, form 939, for renewal subscription of the Bankers Magazine for one year from July 1, 1918, which you are requested, as payee, to sign in accordance with foot note; return the voucher to this office and check will be forwarded to you upon receipt of same.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 6, 1918.

The Economist,
Granville House, Arundale St.,
Strand, London, W. C. 2.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is public voucher, form 939, for renewal subscription of the Economist for one year from July 1, 1918, which you are requested, as payee, to sign in accordance with foot note; return the voucher to this office and check will be forwarded to you upon receipt of same.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 6, 1918.

The Statist,
51 Cannon st. E. C. 4.
London, Eng.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is public voucher, form 939, for renewal subscription of the Statist for one year from July 1, 1918, which you are requested, as payee, to sign in accordance with foot note; return the voucher to this office and check will be forwarded to you upon receipt of same.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 8, 1918.

McGraw-Hill Co., Incorporated,
10th Avenue and 36th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith is public voucher, form 939, for renewal subscription of the Engineering and Mining Journal for one year from July 1, 1918, which you are requested, as payee, to sign in accordance with foot note; return the voucher to this office and check will be forwarded to you upon receipt of same.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 8, 1918.

Edward Thompson Co.,
Northport, Long Island,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith is public voucher, form 939, for renewal subscription of the Federal Statutes, Annotated, Supplement, for one year from July 1, 1918, which you are requested, as payee, to sign in accordance with foot note; return the voucher to this office and check will be forwarded to you upon receipt of same.

Respectfully,

M. McKelly
Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 8, 1918.

Publisher of the Times,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is public voucher, form 939, for renewal subscription of the Times (Daily not Sunday) for one year from July 1, 1918, which you are requested, as payee, to sign in accordance with foot note; return the voucher to this office and check will be forwarded to you upon receipt of same,

Respectfully,

M. McRaeley

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 8, 1918.

The Annalist,
Times Building, Times Square,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is public voucher, form 939, for renewal subscription of the Annalist for one year from July 1, 1918, which you are requested, as payee, to sign in accordance with foot note; return the voucher to this office and check will be forwarded to you upon receipt of same.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 8, 1918.

United States Smelting
Refining and Mining Co.,
120 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 5th offering silver for delivery to the Mint at Philadelphia.

Your offer is respectfully declined, with the thanks of this Bureau for your courtesy in offering the same.

Very truly yours,

N. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 8, 1918.

The Mining World,
Gresham House,
London, E.C.2. England.

Gentlemen:

The subscription of this office to The Mining World, which expired June 30, 1918, will not be renewed for the ensuing year.

Respectfully,

M. McRuell

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 8, 1918.

Eclipse Trading Company
32 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of June 25th, addressed to the Mint at Philadelphia, and referred to this Office, I beg to say that the Mints of the United States coin money for foreign governments upon the application of the duly accredited representative of a foreign government at this capital, through our State Department.

The charges for such work xx are in accordance with the type of coin, the number to be manufactured, etc. We could not make an estimate without a knowledge of the size, weight, and alloy of the coins, the tolerance in weighting, and the kind of dies required.

Respectfully,

M. McLeally

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 10, 1918.

Mr. Frank Leffler.

Smithland, Ky.

Sir:

At the request of Hon. Ollie M. James, United States Senator, I beg to advise you that assay of ore will be made at the Mint in Denver.

Charge for determining presence of gold and silver is one dollar, and for other metals one dollar each.

A quantity approximating five pounds, should be sent to the Mint, in order that satisfactory test can be made.

Respectfully,

M. McReely

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 10, 1918.

Mr. W. E. Pritz.
416 Linden Ave.,
Joliet, Illinois.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 25th, I beg to state that a bill authorizing the issue of One hundred thousand dollars in fifty cent pieces has been passed. The coins are to be issued in commemoration of the entrance of the State of Illinois into the Union.

They are not yet ready for circulation. I would suggest that you address the Secretary of State of Illinois, in regard to the manner in which these coins will reach the public. They will not be distributed by the Mint.

Respectfully,

Dr McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 10, 1918.

Mr. J. R. Raphael,
Business Mgr. Commerce & Finance,
15 Wall Street, N. Y. City.

Sir:

In response to your request on June 26th, I have forwarded to Mr. Vandiver, a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1917, the last edition. This report shows the seigniorage.

Your letter has been refered to the Director of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving for reply as to the life of the paper money.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 10, 1918.

Mr. F. C. Clemens.
2028 N. Morrison St.,
Kokomo, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 3rd, relative to ~~your~~ ore which you have located in the Gold Belt of Colorado, I beg to suggest that if you desire to have an assay made to determine the presence of the precious metals, quantity approximating five pounds of the ore, be sent to the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver.

The charge for determining the presence of gold and silver in ore is one dollar, and ~~every~~ other metals such as tin, zinc, etc., they charge one dollar for each metal determined.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint

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First National Bank.
Eldon, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 6th, stating that one of your customers has three pounds of silver bullion to be disposed of, I beg to suggest that the material be sent to the Unites States Mint in Denver.

The Superintendent of that institution will make payment for the bullion by check on the Treasurer of the Unites States, after deducting the charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes:

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 10, 1918.

Secretary U. S. Employees.
Compensation Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a telegram received from the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver, relative to the case of Mr. Arnold.

The original papers in this case are I believe, before your commission. If you will be kind enough to give a reply in response to the inquiry contained in this telegram, this Bureau will appreciate.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 10, 1918.

Dr. John F. Steele.
Lisbon, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to you letter of recent date, I beg to state that the Superintendent of the Assay Office of the United States at New York, will receive from you dental scrap and will make payment by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

The platinum contents of your deposit will be held by the Superintendent, and you will be advised further by him in regard to the same, if that metal is a part of the deposit.

Respectfully,

D. M. Roper

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 10, 1918.

Mr. Alfred Nicholson,

Nevada City, California.

Sir:

In response to the request of Hon. John E. Raker, House of Representatives, am forwarding you a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint, giving statistics as to the monetary stock of the principle countries of the world.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 11, 1918.

Bartley Crucible Company,
Trenton, N. J.

When can you make shipment special eighty crucibles to San Francisco Mint. Superintendent in urgent need large part of five hundred ordered.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
2—5738
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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July 11, 1918.

Dear Mr. Brunyate.

Sir:

I beg to enclose receipt of Wells Fargo & Company, Express, covering the account for cable messages which has been receipted for by the agent of the company.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Mr. J. B. Brunyate,
British Ambassy,
Washington, D. C.

OR/RL

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July 11, 1918.

Mr. H. B. Keller.
Schwenksville, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of July 9th, I beg to advise you that your letter of June 21st, reached this Bureau several days after the departure of the Director of the Mint. The letter was placed on the Directors desk for his attention upon his return at the end of this month.

In accordance with you request of the 9th inst., your letter of June 21st, will be placed on file without further action.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

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July 11, 1918.

Mr. W. G. Wendt.
Critchfield & Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of blank date, I beg to state that under date of July 1st, your name was placed on the mailing list for copies of the circular "Gold Value of Foreign Coins."

The Bulletins are mailed from outside of this office. We will however, follow the matter up and trust you will receive the circulars regularly in the future.

Respectfully,

N. McRicll

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 11, 1918.

Hon. Willard Saulsbury,
United States Senate.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Saulsbury:

Replying to your letter of June 28th, written in the interest of Mr. Frank J. Rehin, I beg to say that the matter of his reinstatement has been taken up with the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia. The Superintendent advises this Bureau that an eligible register has been established by the Civil Service Commission which he will be required to call for in making recommendations for temporary or permanent employment in the Mint.

The Superintendent will take pleasure in recomending the re-employment of Mr. Rehin, if the opportunity presents itself to him for doing so.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 11, 1918.

Mrs. H. Erwin,
149 W. 96th Street,
New York City.

Dear Madam:

Beg to acknowlege the receipt of package forwarded by you containing the platinum. Please accept the thanks of this Bureau.

The package and letter have been sent to the War Industries Board, Council of National Defense. You will be advised by that body as to payment for platinum.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 11, 1918.

Chief of Ordinance, U. S. Army.
Group B. H-100 7th & B. Sts. N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint for changing pin on Silver Pistol Medal, in the sum of $.75.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the amount to the following appropriations.

Wages on workmen Mint of Philadelphia 1918----------70¢

Contingent expenses Mint of Philadelphia 1918----------05¢

Respectfully,

M. McRally

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 12, 1918.

Mr. W. Y. Hilands,
The Galion Iron Works & Mfg, Co.
Galion, Ohio.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of July 11th, addressed to the Director of the Mint, Hon. Raymond T. Baker, we beg to state that castings are purchased by the Superintendents of the Mints with the approval of this office.

I would suggest that you advise the following offices that you are in the market for the sale of such material.

Superintendent United States Mint, Philadelphia.
" " " Assay Office, N. Y.
" " " Mint, Denver.
" " " " San Francisco.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

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July 12, 1918.

Mr. S. H. Mitchell,
Mgr. Phoenix Railway Co.,
of Arizona.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 22nd, we beg to say that no legislation has been effected by Congress, authorizing the issue of a 7½¢ piece, or of any coin of another denomination than of those now in circulation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

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July 12, 1918.

Mr. D. M. Graham.
963 Figueroa St.,
Los Angeles.

Sir:

Your letter of July 1st, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The letter has been transmitted to the United States Geological Survey.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 12, 1918.

Mr. Wm. H. Yetman.
400-420 N. Monticello Ave.
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Your letter of July 11th, addressed to Hon. Raymond T. Baker, has been delivered at this office.

The Director of the Mint does not purchase Fire Apllicances for government buildings.

Respectfully,

N. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 12, 1918.

Mr. L. L. Pahlow, Secretary,
The Goodrum Trust Company,
Lamar, Missouri.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 9th, enclosing check for one dollar, in payment for a copy of the "Catalogue of the Coins, Medals, and Tokens in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia."

Your letter and check have been forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, who will mail a copy of the publication desired by you.

Respectfully,

M. McRaeller

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 12, 1918.

Mr. Edward Brush, Vice Pres.
American Smelting & Refining Co.
120 Broadway, New York City.

Dear Mr. Brush:

Your letter of July 10th, addressed to Mr. Baker, in regard to the selling and purchasing of silver, has been forwarded to Mr. Baker at San Francisco. I have also advised him by telegram of the nature of your letter.

Mr. Baker will be here in Washington, within ten days or two weeks.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 12, 1918.

Mr. W. H. Gray,
319 & 321 South La Salle St.
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Your letter of June 12th, addressed to Secretary of the Treasury was referred to this Bureau for attention.

The Assay Office of the United States at New York, is receiving large quantities of gold and silver scrap and paying for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States, the value of the gold and silver contents.

That office will receive material of this kind in quantities approximating one hundred dollars and over. Charges for this are nominal and are deducted from the value of the deposit.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 12, 1918.

Mrs. Mary C. Evans.
Duncan, Oklahoma,
Box 372.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of June 10th, relative to some old coins you have, I regret to advise you there is no institution connected with the Government in Washington, where such coins can be disposed of.

I would be glad to assist you in converting the coins you describe into value if it were practical for me to do so.

Respectfully,

N. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

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July 12, 1918.

Mr. Henry K. Loeb.
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 14th, reply to which has been accidentally delayed, I beg to say that the United States Assay Office at New York, and the United States Mint at Denver, will receive gold and silver scrap in quantities approximating one hundred dollars or over. You will be paid for same by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after charges for fitting material for coinage purposes have been deducted.

Platinum should be offered to War Industries Board, Council of National Defense, Washington.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 12, 1918.

Dr. A. H. Xiques.
231 Richmond Ave.
Port Richmond, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of June 10th, addressed to the Unites States Government, Washington, D. C., was after some delay delivered to this Bureau.

Replying to your inquiry as to disposing of platinum, I beg to suggest that you address the War Industries Board, Council of National Defense, Washington.

Respectfully,

M. McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 12, 1918.

Brandt Cashier Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of July 9th, I beg to state that there is a large stock of silver dollars in the Treasury, which are available to the public upon application to the Treasurer of the United States.

No legislation has been effected authorizing the issue of a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation.

Respectfully,

M. McKeller

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

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July 12, 1918.

Mr. C. F. Clarke & Co.,
Le Roy, New York.,

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 13th, I beg to state that the United States Assay Office at New York, will receive deposits of gold and silver scrap in quantities approximating one hundred dollars and over. You will be paid for the same by check on the Treasurer of the Unites States after charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes have been deducted.

I would suggest that you address the War Industries Board, Council National Defense, Washington, in regard to platinum. Foreign gold and silver coins are purchased as bullion.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 13, 1918.

Jos. Dixon Crucible Co.,
Jersey City, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your telegram of July 11th, I beg to state that this Bureau did not address a message to you as indicated.

If a telegram was received by you, it was delivered in error by the Telegraph Co.

Thanking you for calling our attention to the matter. I am

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 13, 1918.

Miss, Cora L. Price,
148 S. Seward Ave,
Auburn, N. Y.

Madam:

Replying to your card of July 10th, I beg to suggest that you communicate with the War Industries Board, Council of National Defense, in regard to the platinum you have for sale.

Respectfully,

N. Vos Burgh

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

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July 13, 1918.

J. H. Gautier & Co.,
Jersey City, N. J.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone communication of this morning accepting your offer to forward to the Mint at San Francisco, 150 #80 crucibles, 25 of which are to be immediately forwarded, the balance to be included in your later carload of graphite goods now under preparation.

It is understood that the 25 #80 crucibles are to be delivered to the Mint, at the rate of $10.80 each.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 13, 1918.

Guaranty Bank,
Knoxville, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of July 8th, I beg to say that if the metal deposited by one of your customers is gold or silver, it will be purchased by the Mint at Denver as bullion, and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States after charges for fitting material for coinage purposes have been deducted.

Gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 an ounce and silver at the rate of $1.00 an ounce on 1000 fine.

If the material you refer to is in the form of ore, it cannot be utilized by the Mint.

The value of the material cannot be ascertained without melting and assaying the metal.

Respectfully,

M. McPartlin

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 13, 1918.

Mr. Milton Shlarz,
U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Sir:

Herewith I am returning your traveling expense voucher with request that two vouchers be rendered, one including the expenses to June 30, inclusive, and the other the expenses beginning with July 1st. This is necessary as the expenses are chargeable to appropriations of different years. In this connection note that but four days hotel charge pertain to the July period.

Please refer to travel regulations and note that they provide for reimbursement of actual, necessary, expenses, within certain limits. In this connection will state that such uniformity as is here shown for meal charges tends to a questioning in the mind of one familiar with the examination of travel vouchers, and particularly so if experienced at eating in restaurants. Charge for extra fare from Chicago to New York must be supported with satisfactory evidence that it was necessary to the interests of the Government rather than for the personal convenience of the traveler.

Please explain necessity for additional expense involved in ticket from Portland to Spokane instead of using ticket via Seattle, and state whether refund is not due the Government for non-use of ticket Seattle to Spokane, as well as from Portland to Seattle for which unused portion of ticket was received with your voucher.

Please indicate on each duplicate transportation request the cost of the service rendered (left margin), and return same to this office.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 15, 1918.

Supervising Architect,
Treasury Building.

Sir:

Herewith am forwarding bill of the Helena Assay Office, for one half the common expenses of that office and the Internal Revenue Office occupying the same building, for the quarter ending June 30, 1918.

Please cause the amount of the bill $13.28, to be credited to the appropriation Contingent Expenses Assay Office Helena 1918, by transfer settlement.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 15, 1918.

Auditor of Freight Account,
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. Co.
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Herewith I am returning your bill #21955 in amount $255.94, with request that separate bills be rendered covering each of the attached Bills of Lading.

Bill covering services represented by Bill of Lading #130,977, should be forwarded to this office, while bill covering services represented by Bill of Lading #130,982, being transportation of copper ingots, should be forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 16, 1918.

Mr. H. H. Windsor,
Editor and Publisher of the
Popular Mechanics Magazine,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 2nd, addressed to the Treasury Department, I beg to state that there were no Trade dollars coined in 1884.

The last coins of this denomination were minted in 1883.

Respectfully,

M. McKeel

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 16, 1918.

Eclipse Trading Co. Inc.,
32 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 13th, asking the time required for executing five dollar United States gold pieces for China.

Coinage for foreign countries is executed only at the request of the country interested, and request is made to this department through the State department. In this connection I beg to referr you to my letter of July 8th.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 16, 1918.

Mr. F. E. Loomis,
Assistant Cashier of
The Merchants' Loan & Trust Co.
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 12th, asking when the Illinois Centenial half dollars will be ready for distribution, I beg to say that the designs have not yet been decided upon or submitted to the department for approval.

Sketches are being prepared at the Mint in Philadelphia, and will probably be ready to be submitted to the department within a few days.

As soon as the designs are approved the coinage will be executed.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 16, 1918.

Hon. C. O. Lobeck.
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Lobeck:

Your letter of the 15th, instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred by him to this Bureau for attention.

The "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens, and Medals in the Numismatic collections of the Mint at Philadelphia" is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, at one dollar a copy.

I regret that we have not copies of this publication for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 16, 1918.

Consolidated Arizona Smelting Co.,
15 Broad Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of July 11th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this office.

Referring to the tabulated statement enclosed in your letter, will you be kind enough to identify the list of sales indicated with any deliveries made to the Mints, naming the particular institution to which copper was sent.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 17, 1918.

Handy & Harmon,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith account of the Wells Fargo Express Co., in the sum of $1250.00, covering the conveyance of Silver dollars to the Selby Smelting and Lead Company Plant, San Francisco.

Amount is in accordance with the regular rates for the work performed.

Respectfully,

R. M. Riley,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc.
OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 18, 1918.

Dear Congressman Lobeck:

Your letter of the 15th instant, addressed to the Director of the Bureau of Mines, has been referred to this Bureau.

I regret that we have no other publication covering numismatics other than the "Catalogue of Coins Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia" which is sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Pri nting Office, at $1.00 per copy.

I am sorry we have no copies at our disposal.

Respectfully,

M. McKeel,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Charles O. Lobeck,
House of Representatives.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 18, 1918.

Hon. Eduardo Higginson,
Consul General of Peru,
Consulate General of Peru,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant stating that a change would be effected in the original order for Peruvian coins, and asking to be advised as to the amount of letals required for the revised order, I beg to submit the following:-

For 3,000,000 2-centavos pieces-

Copper	62,830.2857	pounds.
Tin	1,984.1143	"
Zinc	1,322.7429	"

For 4,000,000 1-centavo pieces -

Copper	41,886.8571	pounds.
Tin	1,322.7429	"
Zinc	881.8286	"

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 17, 1918.

Mr. Wm. M. Grove.
312 S. Main St.,
Kellogg, Idaho.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of June 25th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a Token Piece of which you enclosed a pencil rubbing, I beg to advise you that the same was submitted to the Curator of the Mint at Philadelphia, who states that the piece is one of the so-called "Hard Times Tokens". The Curator therefore states that the Token Piece is not rare and is of no numismatic value.

I regret that we cannot send you a more satisfactory report on the coin you describe.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 17, 1918.

The Philadelphia National Bank.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of the 15th inst., addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, had been referred to this Bureau.

Replying I beg to advise you that the half dollars authorised for the Illinois Centenial, are not yet ready the design not having been determined upon up to the present time.

It will probably be several weeks before this coin is ready for distribution.

Respectfully,

Wm. McRelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 17, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of July 17th, I beg to advise you that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, has this day been instructed to deliver to the American R. R. Express Co., the silver resulting from the melting of $5,000,000.00, which amounts to 3,867,187.50 fine ounces.

The Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York, has been instructed to deliver the silver resulting from the melting of $2,250,000. which amounts to 1,713,-792.60 fine ounces.

Respectfully,

Y. Marbell

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/EL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 17, 1918.

The Equitable Trust Co. of New York.
37 Wall Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of June 19th, addressed to the Treasury Department, was subsequently delivered to this Bureau.

In reply to inquiry as to the coinage proposed for the Government of Colombia, I beg to submit the following. The cost of manufacturing the following denominations would be:-

50-centavos	-	$7.20	per	1000	pieces,
20- "	-	6.50	"	"	"
10- "	-	5.50	"	"	"

The Mint at Philadelphia has the original dies for the 50-centavos piece. Original dies for the 20 and 10-centavos pieces will cost $500 for each coin. It will be necessary to know exactly the design and inscription desired for these two coins, and four months will be required for the manufacture of the dies. The above quotations including the working dies, the bullion and the shipping charges, will be additional.

As you are aware the request for this coinage would have to go through the State Department from the duly credited representative of the Colombian Government at this Capitol. Should the coinage be executed the Mint would deliver the same to the agent named by the Colombian Government.

Respectfully,

M McPhilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 19, 1918.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your inquiries of the 15th instant I beg to submit the following:-

The number of bars delivered by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for S. S. due to sail July 1st, 10,691.

Selby Smelting and Lead Company treated $2,500,000 Silver Dollars, produced 1,933,593.75 ounces before melting, and delivered 1,375 bars 900 fine, and 306 bars 999 fine, for shipment on July 1st.

The number of bars delivered by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for steamer due to sail July 12 was 4,614 bars.

The number of bars produced and delivered by the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco for the July 12th steamer has not yet been reported to the Bureau. You will be advised upon receipt of this information.

The number of dollars treated by Selby for the July 12th steamer was 2,500,000; number of ounces before melting 1,933,593.75; number of bars, - 1316 900 fine; 321 999 fine.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 20, 1918.

County Savings Bank,
Scranton, Pa.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of the 17th inst., enclosing a mutulated $2.50 Gold Piece, has been referred to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, who will make report to you.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 20, 1918.

The Guarantee Jewelry Co.
974 Broad Street,
Augusta, Ga.,

Gentlemen:-

Am returning herewith the package forwarded by you containing a ring to be assayed.

I regret to advise you that there is no office in Washington, connected with the Government were such work is done for the public.

The Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at New Orleans, will assay the ring at a charge of $4.00.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 20, 1918.

The Stockton Exchange Bank.
Stockton, Missouri.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of the 16th inst., enclosing melted coins, has been sent to the Mint at Philadelphia.

The Superintendent will remit to you value of the coins either as coins or metal.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 20, 1918.

Mr. B. B. Pettit,
St. Louis, Mich.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 16th inst., enclosing a package of dental scrap, has been forwarded to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, who will report to you.

Respectfully,

M. McPhee

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 20, 1918.

Handy & Harmon,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone message of this morning stating that the number of bars contained in the $3,000,000 melted at the Mint in San Francisco, for shipment July 12th, was 2250.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 22, 1918.

Mr. G. S. Murphy,
Internal Revenue Service,
Sherman, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date, I beg to say that in order to recover the gold leaf from the sign you describe, it would be necessary to burn the sign and have the ash melted with soda to get a gold button.

I would suggest that as gold leaf is so very thin it is doubtful whether the value recovered would pay you for the expense.

Respectfully,

N. Mc Reel

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RI

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 22, 1918.

Messrs. Handy & Harmon,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to enclose herewith a statement from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, covering the delivery of silver for export on July 27th. The shipment contained 4,660 bars and was made up of 3,867,187.50 fine ounces of silver.

The Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York, advised us that he has rendered to you a copy of the invoice covering the silver delivery by him for shipment July 27th, as follows: - 1,875 bars containing 1,713,792.50 fine ounces of silver.

As soon as this office is informed, I will advise you of the number of bars in the consignment being prepared by the Mint at San Francisco for the July 27th, shipment.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc.
OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 22, 1918.

Mr. Dock Rans,
1324 West St.,
Anderson, Ind.

Sir:

I regret that we are unable to receive your spectacle frame. Deposits of gold approximating one hundred dollars and over are received at the Mint.

The charge for repairing the material contained in the spectacle frame for coinage purposes, would exceed the value of them.

Respectfully,

M. McRaill,

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 22, 1916.

Mrs. Ida W. Rose,
1430 Enterpe St.
New Orleans, La.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of July 12th, enclosing photographs of a coin you possess I beg to state that it is a 4 Att piece of Siam, struck under King Chulalonkorn, 1868-1910, and is of little value. Photo of coin returned herewith.

Respectfully,

M. McReady

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 22, 1918.

Mr. J. H. Meredith.
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith I am returning your voucher for traveling expenses with request that two vouchers be rendered, one covering the period to June 30th inclusive, and the other for the period beginning July 1st. This is necessary as the expenses are payable from appropriations of different years.

Please note that room charge for but four days is applicable to the July period.

Please indicate on the left margin of each of the transportation memorandums, the cost of the accommodations furnished.

Respectfully,

M. McPadden

Acting Director of the Mint.

F/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 22, 1918.

Handy & Harmon,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 19th, enclosing check for $1250.00 covering the account of the Wells Fargo & Co. Express, for transporting five million dollars from the San Francisco Mint to the Selby Melting and Lead Co.

The check has been transmitted to the Wells Fargo & Co. Express, and I am enclosing their receipt.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 22, 1918.

Dr. M. Sandel,
317½ Main Street,
Houston, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 16th, I beg to state that there is no law which prohibits the use of gold coins in dental work.

No penalty attaches to the total destruction of the piece as coin.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 23, 1918.

Miss. Bessie S. Northern,
N. W. Bowe & Son, Inc.
Richmond, Va.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of July 20th, relative to burned coins, I beg to advise you that this material will be received at the United States Assay Office, New York, and paid for as bullion. The gold coin cannot be redeemed as coins as loss in weight occurs in melting. The bullion value of gold is $20.67, an ounce.

Payment for the value of the gold contained in the pieces you describe, will be made by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

M McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 23, 1918.

Mr. H. S. McKinney,
966 West 7th St.
St. Paul, Minn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 15th, I beg to suggest that you forward the burned nickels and one cent pieces to the United States Mint, at Denver Colorado.

If the pieces can be readily identified as genuine coins they will be redeemed at face value, if they are badly burned and melted together, the value of the metal will be paid.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 23, 1918.

Mr. A. W. Buck & Son,
Dayton, Wis.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 13th, inquiry as to the "Old Washing Process" for gold, I regret to advise you that there are no pamphlets issued by the department covering this subject.

Respectfully,

M. McRuddy

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 23, 1918.

Mr. Fred Berg,
Room 3, Lizzie Blk.,
Butte, Montana.

Sir:

Replying to your undated letter forwarding to this office letter of the Helena Assay Office dated June 25 1918, concerning a deposit made by you at that office, their number 469, I beg to state that upon request of this office special report concerning the deposit was made by the Assayer in Charge at Helena, such report including all correspondence in the matter.

It is noted that our usual precautions were taken with this deposit, namely, the weights both before and after melting being checked by two men, and the assays being made by two assayers, and in view of the fact that deposits of the character of yours lose largely upon melting, I am inclined to believe that the full recoverable value from the deposit is represented in their returns to you.

It is much regretted that your returns have proven unsatisfactory in this case, but from all circumstances in the case I do not feel that any further action can be taken.

Respectfully,

N. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

W/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 24, 1918.

Mr. G. G. Banker,
Attorney-at-Law,
Findlay, Ohio.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter addressed to Hon. John Burke, Treasurer of the United States, under date of July 20th, which letter has been referred to this office, I beg to advise as follows:

The financial quotation of "Bar Silver 99½" indicates a price of 99½¢ per ounce for bars of silver approximately 999 thousandths fine. This is evidently based on the government price of one dollar per ounce 1000 thousandths fine. The other half cent takes care of certain expenses as well as the difference in fineness.

The quotation "Mexican dollars 77" covers the value of the silver contained in such dollars. Mexican dollars contain approximately 377 grains of fine silver or 377/480 ounce. With silver worth one dollar per fine ounce the silver in a Mexican dollar is worth 78½¢. The United States dollar contains 371¼ grains of fine silver, so it will be seen that the Mexican dollar contains a little more silver than does the United States dollar.

Our government is not recoining our silver dollars into fractional currency and doubtless will not do so as long as it can obtain sufficient uncoined silver to meet the demand for subsidiary coin.

Trusting that the above meets your requirements, I remain

Yours very truly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 25, 1918.

Chief of the Insular Bureau,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.,

Sir:-

Herewith find for settlement bill of the Selby Smelting & Lead Company against the Government of the Philippine Islands, in the sum of $18,819.20, covering purchase and marine insurance on 80,000 lbs. copper purchased for Philippine minor coinage, to be executed in the San Francisco Mint.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 26, 1918.

Zimmerman & Forshay,
9-11 Wall Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

In April last the San Francisco Mint received from you silver bullion as a result of purchases made by this office.

Part of the bullion was classified by the Mint as being Balbach bars, part of it Mexican bars and the balance carried the designation "D.R.W." Will you kindly inform me as to the meaning of the initials D.R.W. or state, for statistical purposes, the source of the bullion so classed.

Respectfully,

N. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 26, 1918.

Mr. J. C. Wells,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Herewith I am returning your traveling expense voucher with request that two vouchers be rendered, one for the period to June 30th inclusive and the other for the period beginning July 1st.

This is necessary as the expenses are payable from appropriations for two separate fiscal years.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 27, 1918.

Mr. Felix Reifschneider.
Department of Justice,
New York City.

Sir:

Your letter of July 25th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau.

Responding to your suggestion as to the coinage of a twenty five cent piece to be sold for 30¢, I beg to state that an act of Congress would be required to issue such a coin.

Thanking you for your interest and suggestion, I beg to remain

Respectfully,

M. McRell

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 27, 1918.

Mrs. Bacha Collins,
Coyce, Ky.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of July 20th, I beg to advise you that deposits of gold bullion will be received at the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes have been deducted.

Respectfully,

N. McRoelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 27, 1918.

Mr. S. M. White,
Box 273,
Urbana, Ohio.

Sir:-

Your letter of July 23rd, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been by him referred to this Bureau.

If you will forward the platinum to the United States Assay Office, New York, the Superintendent of that institution will remit to you the value of the same.

Respectfully,

M. McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 27, 1918.

Third Asst. Postmaster General,
Post Office Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am enclosing the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia amounting to $110.10, covering the cost of ten 2¢ embossing dies.

In payment of this amount please cause transfer settlemnt to be made crediting the following appropriations for the support of the Mint at Philadelphia, fiscal year 1918.

Wages of Workmen,	$90.00	
Contingent Expenses	10.10	#100.10

Respectfully,

M. McReally

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc.
CH/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 27, 1918.

Third Asst. Postmaster General,
Post Office Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia amounting to $420.40, covering the manufacture of embossed stamped envelope dies.

In payment of this account please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the following appropriations for the Mint at Philadelphia, fiscal year 1918.

Wages of Workmen,	$378.00	
Contingent Expenses,	42.40	$420.40

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL
Enc.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 27, 1918.

Mr. Frank R. Haws,
223 N. B. Street,
Mammouth, Ill.

Sir:-

Your letter of July 22nd, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury together with a model of the "World War Souvenir" has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The model is returned herewith with special appreciation of the motive which prompted you to send it. I regret that it would not be possible for us to utilize the model in any way.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc.
OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 27, 1918.

Mr. L. H. Camfield,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Camfield:

I have your letter of July 26th, calling attention to the omission from our letter of July 26th of the account of Selby Smelting & Lead Co. against the Philippine Government for copper.

I regret this was accidentally omitted from our letter and thank you for calling attention to it.

Respectfully,

M. McReel

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 29, 1918.

Auditor of Miscellaneous Accounts,
Pennsylvania, Railroad,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Am in receipt of your bill #519/447 in the sum of $.97, with supporting certificate of lost Bill of Lading covering shipment of envelopes from Rockville, Connecticut, to the Philadelphia Mint, under date of March 4, 1918, bill of Lading #11084.

I have to advise that your bill #519/356 covering this same service and supported by the original Bill of Lading has received the approval of this office and is now in the office of the Auditor for the Treasury Department. Settlement will doubtless be made at an early date.

The duplicate bill mentioned in first paragraph will be retained on the files of this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 29, 1918.

Southern Pacific Co.,
Oakland, California.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith an unused portion of the ticket from Oakland to Albany, the ticket having been used to Chicago only.

Please remit to me the value of this portion of the ticket.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 29, 1918.

Consolidated Arizona Smelting Co.,
Humboldt, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of July 11th and your letter of July 23rd relative to amounts due you for copper, I beg to state that the matter has been taken up with the Secretary's office and the conclusion has been reached that the accounts are not covered by transactions of the Treasury Department. We are therefore unable to act further in the matter.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 30, 1918.

Mr. C. E. Desch,
Postmaster,
U. S. Post Office,
Macungie, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of July 24th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the hoarding of gold coins and gold certificates has been referred to this Bureau.

The contents of your letter are noted with interest and will be referred to in case this subject comes up for action by the department.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 30, 1918.

Mr. Jos. E. Cook,
Limona, Fla.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 26th, I beg to state that the platinum will be received at the United States Assay Office, New York, and payment made as soon as the value of the metal is determined.

The platinum will be received in any form.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 30, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith two accounts of the American Railway Express Company, representing insufficient charges collected on silver bullion sent to India. One account is for $5,434.34, and the other for $25,732.68.

Please take the necessary steps to have the accounts adjusted and oblige me.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enc.
OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 30, 1918.

Mr. Arthur Martin.
416 Leonard Building,
Augusta, Georgia.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of July 24th, I beg to state that all positions in the Mint service are under Civil Service and appointments are subject to Civil Service Examination.

I would suggest that you address a letter to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington D.C., for information as to pending examinations.

Respectfully,

R. J. Bell

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 30, 1918.

Mr. J. C. McCabe,
Bay City Board of Commerce,
Bay City, Michigan.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 18th, relative to making payment for old gold deposits at the Mints and Assay Offices in Thrift and War Savings Stamps. The suggestion has been noted with interest and should such policy be adopted your letter will be referred to in support of such action.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

OR

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 30, 1918.

Mr. James J. McGrath,
1015 Oregon Ave,
Butte, Montana.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of July 22nd, I beg to state that if you will forward the scrap platinum you have to the United States Assay Office, at New York, the Superintendent of that institution will make payment to you for the value of the platinum.

Respectfully,

R. D. Baker

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 30, 1918.

The Auditor for the Treasury Dept.
Auditors Building,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith contracts with the following named firms, for furnishing the Mint at Denver, with supplies for the fiscal year 1919.

The Western Iron Foundry Co.
The Western Chemical Manufacturing Co.
The Colorado Ice & Cold Storage Co.
The Weicker Transfer & Storage Co.
Adam Ross.
The Denver Towel & Supply Co.

Contracts have been duly approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

R. W. Raber

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 31, 1918.

American Railway Express Co.
(Wells Fargo & Co. Express.)
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

With reference to the enclosed inquiries, I beg to state that three of the bills have been paid as per notations on the enclosures. The other two I am unable to locate from such information as has been given. If they cover transportation of nickels or cents, the bills have doubtless been paid some time ago by the Superintendent of either the Philadelphia or the Denver Mint.

If you are still unable to determine whether you have received payment for these items, please advise me giving information as to the material that was shipped, the points of shipment and destination and the dates of the shipments, and I will endeavor to locate the items.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enc.
F/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 31, 1918.

Dr. Gainor Jennings,
West Milton, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Jennings,

Your letters of recent date together with the platinum forwarded by you, have been delivered to this Bureau by the Secretary's Office.

The platinum has been forwarded to the United States Assay Office, at New York, and the Superintendent of that institution instructed to remit to you without delay the value of the platinum forwarded by you. The Assay Office at New York, is handling platinum which is being received for uses of the Government.

We are glad to receive this important deposit.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 31, 1918.

Mrs. M. D. Billings,
Franklin, N. C.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of July 27th, I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you under separate cover, a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint, for 1917.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 31, 1918.

Mr. B. E. Miller,
Richwood, W. Va.

Sir:

In accordance with your request I am returning herewith the package forwarded by you some time ago to the United States Mint at Washington.

Assays of ore for gold and silver will be made at the United States Mint, New Orleans, if you will forward this material. Charge will be one dollar for determining gold and silver.

There is no office connected with the government in Washington, where such work is done for the public.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 31, 1918.

Miss. R. E. Jackman,
Slippery Rock State Normal School,
Slippery Rock, Pa.

Madam:

I am in receipt of your letter of July 27th, requesting information relative to "Our Modern American Coins and their Designers". I regret that we have no publication issued by the Government, covering this subject, of which a copy can be sent to you gratuitously.

A volume entitled "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens, and Medals in the Numismatic Collection at the Mint at Philadelphia" is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, at one dollar a copy.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

July 31, 1918.

Mr. Henry E. Cooper,
The Equitable Trust Co.,
37 Wall Street, N. Y. C.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 30th. Replying I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of "Coinage Laws" and refer you to page 54. The Act of 1873 fixes the weight of the gold dollar at 25.8 grains which equals $20,67 an ounce.

I am also forwarding a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint, on page 153 of which you will find the value of silver per ounce since 1833. The records of this Bureau covering the price of silver, do not go back further than that date.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enc.
OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 1, 1918.

Messrs. E. L. Washburn & Co.
New Haven, Conn.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 28th, forwarding package said to contain 1 Dwt - 10 Grs. Platinum Pins.

Your letter together with the platinum will be forwarded to the United States Assay Office, New York, and the Superintendent of that institution will remit to you the value of the platinum.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 1, 1918.

Mrs. H. C. Corbin,
2122 Massachusetts Ave.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Corbin:

I am enclosing the check for $539.43, which has been corrected by the New York Assay Office and I trust you will have no further difficulty with it.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 1, 1918.

Mr. J. Eisenbeis,
c/o City Hall,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 29th, I beg to state that the United States Assay Office at New York, will be glad to receive the platinum referred to and make payment as soon as the value is determined.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 1, 1918.

Mr. G. K. Kimball,
Bureau of Pictures,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 27th relative to the request of the Mutual Film Corporation, Screen Telegram Dept., concerning photographs of the operations at the Mint at Philadelphia, for the present I can promise no definite action, but favorable consideration will be given your request within a short time.

I will take pleasure in advising you as soon as the matter can be adjusted satisfactory to you and this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 1, 1918.

Mr. P. W. Lamar,
1617 Chesnut St.
Augusta, Ga.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 30th, I beg to advise you that the following number of dimes were coined at the Mint at Denver and San Francisco, in the year 1916.

Calendar year 1916.

	Old design	New design
San Francisco	5,820,000	10,450,000
Denver	none	264,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 1, 1918.

Mr. J. Beach,
Acting President,
National Federation of
Federal Employees,
Wash. D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of July 13th, relative to the status of several employees in the Mint at Philadelphia, I beg to say that I have taken this matter up with the Superintendent and referred to him your letter.

I suggest that you call upon Mr. Joyce, and confer with him in regard to the matter.

The Superintendent will make further report to me after conferring with you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 3, 1918.

Bankers Encylopedia Co.,
44 Hewes Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Responding to your request to the Comptroller of Currency under date of August 1, 1918, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith latest revision of our circular "Value of Foreign Coins."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 5, 1918.

Dr. E. E. Holland,
Richmond, Ind.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 1st, I beg to advise you that the gold scrap and platinum will be received by the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office, at New York, and payment made to you by check on the Treasurer of the United States, for the value of the metal contents after charges have been deducted for treating the material.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 5, 1918.

Mr. E. J. Leben,
608 Pearl St.
Beaumont, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 1st, I beg to advise you that dental scrap will be received at the United States Assay Office, New York, in quantities valued at approximately $100.00 and over.

Gold and silver contents as well as platinum, if that metal exist in the deposit in any quantity and is free from gold and silver, will be paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after charges are deducted for treating material.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 5, 1918.

Mr. G. H. Hook,
3300 19th St. N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter written by Mr. F. W. Spencer, suggesting that I request you to call upon me for conference in regard to the determination of platinum in ore.

I will be glad to have you call at my office in the Treasury Department, Room 174, at your earliest convenience.

Please telephone my office that an appointment may be made for you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 5, 1918.

Mr. F. K. Spencer,
Room 1 & 2 Boyd Block,
356 Market St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Spencer:

Your letter of July 26th, relative to platinum, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this Bureau.

I have written to Mr. Hook, requesting him to call at this office. I will take pleasure in interviewing him as you suggest.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 5, 1918.

Dr, F. C. Freeman,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Sir:

Your letter of recent date enclosing package of gold and silver scrap has been received at this Bureau, and forwarded to the Superintendent United States Mint, Philadelphia.

That officer will remit to you the value of the gold and silver contents less the charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 5, 1918.

Mr. Louis Rosenberg,
2919 Forest Ave.
Dallas, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 29th, I beg to advise you that the United States Assay Office, at New York, will receive material you describe and make payment for the silver contents at the rate of $1.00 per ounce, no allowance will be made for mercury content. Charges will be deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

I regret that we have no publications covering refinery methods.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 6, 1918.

Dear Colonel Wigmore:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 5th stating that the project considered by us in relation to the new registration had been cancelled.

It was a very great pleasure for me to have the opportunity of discussing the measure with you, and I wish now to renew my assurance that if at any time the Mint Service can be utilized to assist in executing any commission for the War Department I will take pleasure in cooperating with you.

With personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

Colonel John H. Wigmore, J. A., N. A.,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 6, 1918.

Consul General of the United States,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

With reference to your communication of July 1, 1918, forwarding directly to this office answers to our interrogations for the year ended December 31, 1917, I beg to advise that answer to question 13 (copy enclosed) leaves me somewhat in doubt as to certain items.

The item of Central Gold Reserve is apparently stated to be held neither in Government Treasuries nor in banks. Is this correct, or should the amount possibly be added to the amounts carried in the first column with a note to the effect that the amount in question belongs to the Central Gold Reserve?

The lines gold coin and gold bullion are bracketed although amounts are given on both lines. This is also somewhat confusing.

With reference to the amounts of government notes and notes of banks of issue, reported as being in government treasuries, I beg to inquire whether they possibly should have been reported in the last column to the right instead.

Thanking you in advance for your continued cooperation in this matter, I am

Very respectfully,

R. Baltz

Director of the Mint.

F/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 6, 1918.

Mr. J. D. Murray,
Broward Co.
Davie, Fla.

Sir:

Your letter of recent date enclosing package containg an old silver watch case and old coins, has been received by this Bureau, and forwarded to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia. That officer will remit to you the value of the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 7, 1918.

Dr. Gainor Jennings,
West Milton, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Jennings,

I beg to advise you that the deposit you forwarded has been sent to the Assay Office at New York.

The Assayer in Charge of that institution made an inspection and acid test of the metal in this Bureau before it was sent to New York and seemed to think that the test indicated that the deposit was not entirely platinum. A careful assay will be made however, at the New York Laboratory and you will be advised of the value after the metal has been melted and tested.

I am to-day writing to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office, to advise you as promptly as possible of the value of the metal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 7, 1918.

Hon. Eduardo Higginson,
Consul General,
Consulate General of Peru,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 1st, requesting that you be advised as to the amount of metal which will be required and the charges in connection with certain coinage for the Peruvian Government, I beg to submit the following.

The cost of coining 1,250,000 pieces of twenty centavo nickel coins will be at the rate of $6.50 per thousand pieces.

Cost of coining 2,500,000 pieces of ten centavo nickel coins will be at the rate of $5.50 per thousand pieces.

Cost of coining 10,000,000 pieces of five centavo coins will be at the rate of $4.00 per thousand pieces.

The prices quoted include the cost of working dies; the metal and kegs will be extra.

80,604.6425 pounds avoirdupois of electrolytic copper (99.90 Copper Contents) and 26,868.2147 pounds avoirdupois of nickel (99.00 Nickel Cobalt contents) will be required for this coinage.

It is understood that you will cause the request to come formally in the usual procedure through the State Department from your Minister if the terms are satisfactory.

Respectfully,

Director of Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 7, 1918.

Mr. S. L. Blalock,
South Hill,
Virginia.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of August 5th, I beg to advise you that if you will forward the old gold and silver you have to the United States Assay Office at New York, the value of the gold and silver contents will be forwarded to you by check on the Treasurer of the United States, which of course, can be converted into Thrift and War Savings Stamps, as you suggest.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 8, 1918.

American Diplomatic Agent,
Cairo, Egypt.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of June 24, 1918, I am forwarding under separate cover copies of the "Annual Report" of the United States Mint, for the years 1916 and 1917, for presentation to the Ministry of Finance of the Egyptian Government.

The Ministry of Finance of the Egyptian Government is being placed upon our mailing list for future issues of the above publication.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 9, 1918.

Auditor of Passenger Accounts,
Pennsylvania R. R. Co.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding for redemption unused portions of milage books purchased prior to June 15, 1918, as follows.

No.	E132198	---	195	miles
"	E185292	---	650	"
"	E132197	---	301	"
"	E185291	---	1000	"

Unused ticket from Washington to Denver, Colorado, purchased June 13, 1918, is also enclosed for redemption.

Refund is also requested for travel from Portland, Oregon, to Spokane, Washington, by way of Seattle, unused portion of ticket Portland to Seattle being enclosed herewith. This is part of a ticket for travel from New York to San Francisco and return, the traveler having purchased an additional ticket from Portland to Spokane by direct route.

In making refund on these tickets kindly specify the amount refunded on each, and make check payable to the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

N. McRolly

Acting Director of the Mint

F/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 9, 1918.

Auditor of Passenger Accounts,
Union Pacific R. R. Co.,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Sir:

I am enclosing for redemption unused portion of ticket issued June 4, 1918, from Denver, Colorado, to New York City, it having been used only to Washington, D. C., on account of change of rate effective June 15, 1918.

In making refund on this ticket, please make check payable to the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

M M Reed

Director of the Mint.

F/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 9, 1918.

Auditor of Passenger Accounts,
Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Co.,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

Enclosed find receipts numbers K25367 and 25368, covering tickets deposited at the Washington Terminal by employees of the Mint service, enroute from San Francisco to Philadelphia and New York respectively.

The tickets were unused beyond Washington, on account of the change in rates effective June 15, 1918.

Please refund the amount due for unused portion of tickets, making check payable to the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 9, 1918.

Auditor of Miscellaneous Accounts,
The Pullman Co.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding transfer tickets number I-57181 and 57182, issued at Washington, D. C. and good for transportation from Washington to Philadelphia, and Washington to New York, the passengers to whom issued being enroute from San Francisco.

Please make refund on these tickets by check payable to the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department.

These passengers were traveling on business pertaining to the Office of the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 9, 1918.

Mr. Phya Prabha Karavongse,
Minister of Siam,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to advise you that the coinage now being prepared for your government at the Mint at Philadelphia, will be ready for delivery on September 10th.

The Superintendent of the Mint is without instructions as to the manner of packing and shipping the coin. Will you please advise this office at your earliest convenience whether it is desired to pack these coins in kegs or boxes as it will take sometime to procure either container.

I have also the honor to request that you advise me to whom you wish the coins delivered at the Mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 9, 1918.

Auditor for the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.,

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith duly approved the contract of the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office, at Seattle, for coal for the fiscal year 1919.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 9, 1918.

The Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the accounts of the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, amounting to $1,590.00 covering the cost of the manufacture of 60,000 pesos in 20 centavos

In payment of this account please cause transfer order to be issued depositing the following amounts to the credit of the Appropriations of the Mint at San Francisco, 1919.

Wages of Workmen, 1919	$1060.00	
Contingent Expenses, 1919	530.00	$1590

Respectfully,

A. M. Ross

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 9, 1918.

Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Responding to your letter of Aug. 7th, I beg to say that I have forwarded a copy of your communication to the Superintendent at the Mint at San Francisco, with the intention of having him expedite as much as possible the manufacture of subsidiary and minor coins for the Philippine Government.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 10, 1918.

The Auditor for the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith contracts with the following named firms covering supplies to be furnished the United States Mint, at San Francisco. Contracts have been duly approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and forwarded to you for file.

Shell Co. of California.
Metropolitan Laundry Co.
Enterprise Foundry Co.
National Ice & Cold Storage
Co. of California
Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

Respectfully,

M. McReally

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL
Enc.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 10, 1918.

Mrs. J. J. Lyell,
211 E. Franklin St.
Richmond, Va.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of August 7th, I beg to advise you that old gold and silver will be received at the United States Assay Office, at New York, and the value of the gold and silver paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States after the same has been determined by melt and assay.

Charges for treating material are deducted from the value of the metal. Charges are nominal.

Respectfully,

M. W. Ridgely

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 10, 1918.

North American Watch Co.,
Mansfield, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of Aug. 8th, I beg to advise you that samples of gold and silver bullion will be assayed at the Mint at Denver, at a charge of $2.00 per sample. In case of plate or what is known as rolled or filled plate, the charge is $4.00 for each assay.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 12, 1918.

Auditor of Miscellaneous Accounts,
Pennsylvania R. R. Co.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith I am returning your bill #519/325 in the sum of $1.86, inviting attention to the attached copy of letter of the Auditor for the Treasury Department dated Aug. 8, 1918, which is self-explanatory.

There is also enclosed blank form "certificate of shipment" which should be filled out and returned to this office with the bill in question.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 12, 1918.

Mr. C. H. McIntosh,
Reno, Nevada.

My dear Bert:

I regret that I have not been able to answer your letter before this date, but have postponed it hoping that I might be able to get more facts in regard to "The Property Division of the Ordnance Department."

I am sure that any of the salaries which they are paying would not in any way be satisfactory to you. Most of all these men are dollar a year men and the town is full of them hoping to get on in better places.

I assure you that I will be only to glad to help in any way that you may suggest and hope that you will not hesitate to call upon me at any time. Should you desire me to do something further, please let me know.

I would advise you to get in touch with Key and Henderson also. With all good wishes.

Yours very truly,

RB/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 12, 1918.

Mr. Harry Holland,
427 Evans Avenue,
Reno, Nevada.

My dear Harry:

Received your letter recently upon my return to Washington. Owing to the absence of Secretary McAdoo, I have not been able to take up your matter of the administration with him.

He is expected back in the city this week, and I assure you and the rest of the boys I will do all I can to straighten out the matters which have been outstanding so many years. With best personal regards,

Yours very truly,

RB/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 12, 1918.

Mr. R. J. Nixon,
Foster & Kleiser Co.,
231 So. San Pedro St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Nixon,

I am in receipt of your letter of July 2nd, and was very pleased to hear from you. In reply I beg to say that I will be very glad to take up your matter and do what I can for you.

With all good wishes,

Yours very truly,

RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 13, 1918.

The International Chemical
and Refining Works,
Glens Falls, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith your letter of August 9th, addressed to the "Director of the Mint", and beg to suggest that the letter be addressed to the "Director, Bureau of Mines", Interior Department, in regard to an application for acid to be used in the manufacture of silver nitrate. It is presumed that you desire to take up the matter of securing an explosives license.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enc.
OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 13, 1918.

Mr. Nelson G. Cooley,
10 High Street,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this Bureau for reply.

There is no bonus being offered by the Government for the production of gold.

The matter of finding a means of stimulating the production of gold is now before the Department, but no definite action has as yet been taken.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 14, 1918.

Phya Prabha Karavongse,
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary,
Siamese Legation, Gloucester, Massachusetts.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 12th regarding the coinage now being prepared by the Mint at Philadelphia for your Government.

Replying I beg to say that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has to-day been instructed to order, on your behalf, the necessary containers for the coins, and in doing so to exercise his best judgment as to the type of containers. He has also been instructed to obtain bids for the same and communicate the cost to this Bureau for submission to you.

It will be necessary that you name an agent who will represent you in receiving and making payment for the coins at the Mint. I regret that I am unable to advise you as to who might be designated. I would suggest, however, that any bank with which you have fiscal relations might be available for this service.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 14, 1918.

Mr. O. Homer,
890 Main St.,
Hartford, Conn.

Sir:

Package forwarded by you said to contain platinum has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office, New York, and that officer will remit to you the value of the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 13, 1918.

Dear Senator Ashurst:

I have your letter of August 8th, enclosing letter from Ben S. Wilson, Casa Grande, Arizona, in which he discusses the gold production of the United States and the question of its Federal stimulation.

The Department is seriously considering this matter and awaiting the outcome of a conference which is being held this month in Nevada, I will be glad to write you further on this subject if the Department takes any definite action.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Senator Henry F. Ashurst,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 13, 1918.

Mr. Herbert R. Jacoves,
1471-41st Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.,

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 12th, you are advised that all positions in the Mint and Assay services are subject to the Civil Service Commission.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 14, 1918.

Mr. Wayne Evans,
Hugo, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 8th, I beg to state that if you will cause the chain which you describe to be forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office, at New York, the value of the platinum less the charges for determining the same, will be forwarded to you by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 13, 1918.

Major John F. Fairchild,
Headquarters First Corps Troops,
Camp Wadsworth,
Spartanburg, S. C.

Sir:

Your letter of August 9th, addressed to the Bureau of Standards, has been referred to this office. I take pleasure in forwarding herewith a copy of the phamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 13, 1918.

Auditor for the Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing the contracts duly signed by the Secretary of the Treasury, covering supplies to be furnished the New York Assay Office for the fiscal year 1919.

Burns Bros. Ice Corp.
Columbia Smelting & Refining Works.
Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Co.
Abestos Textile Company, Inc.
American Towel Supply & Laundry Co.
Leon Hirsh & Son.
E. B. Newman.
John C. Wiarda & Co.
General Chemical Company.
J. &. H. Berge.
The Kalbfleisch Corp.
United States Rubber Co.
Empire Carting Co.
Croton Chemical Co.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 13, 1918.

Mr. T. G. Phinny,
Oil City, Pa.

Sir:

Package forwarded by you said to contain a platinum and gold locket has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York, and that officer will communicate with you as to the value of the metal contained in the locket.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Aug. 14, 1918.

Auditor of Freight Accounts,
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. Co.
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Herewith I am returning your bill #21823 in amount $26.44, for transportation of slag and steel, covered by Government Bills of Lading #76765 and 130959.

Attention is invited to the attached copy of letter of the Auditor for the Treasury Department, which is self-explanatory.

Please take such action as is necessary and return all papers to this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F/RL
Enc.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 16, 1918.

Dr. Charles Ed. Hall,
Fourth National Bank,
Atlanta, Georgia,

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 13th, and also package containing gold and platinum chain.

The chain has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office, New York, and that officer will remit to you the value of the gold and platinum by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

M. McRell

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 17, 1918.

Mr. Akira Den,
Financial Commission,
Imperial Japanese Government,
233 Broadway, N. Y. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 12th, I have taken pleasure in directing that a copy of the Annual Report of this Bureau be made to you together with a copy of the report and the statement of the "Value of Foreign Coins."

Your name has been placed on the mailing list for future publications issued by this Bureau.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/KL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 17, 1918.

Mr. F. R. Whitcomb,
Hotel Sutter,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Your letter of August 6th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury on the subject of gold production, has been referred to this Bureau for attention. Replying I beg to advise you that the department is at the present time considering devising some means by which gold production may be stimulated, and we hope for early action in the matter.

Respectfully,

W. McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

O/L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 17, 1918.

Assistant Cashier,
Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago,
79 West Monroe Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 15th, I beg to advise you that the Mint at Denver and the Mint at Philadelphia, will receive foreign gold coin as bullion and make payment for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after charges are deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

The value of the foreign coin is determined by melt and assay. Coins should be shipped by express prepaid or by registered mail in your discretion.

The annual report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1918, will not be ready for publication until sometime in November. Your name has been placed on the mailing list of this office for a copy of the report as soon as it is issued.

Respectfully,

M. Thos Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 17, 1918.

Director United States Geological Survey,
Interior Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 15th, relative to the presence of platinum in certain deposits, I beg to state that if you will forward the specimens you have to this office they will be assayed by Dr. Dewey, the assayer of this Bureau. The work will be undertaken by Dr. Dewey, as soon as practicable.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 17, 1918.

Mr. E. A. Brooks,
Union Mills,
Virginia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 15th, I beg to advise you that gold and silver scrap in quantities approximating $100.00 in value or over, will be received by the United States Assay Office, New York, and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Charges for fitting such material for coinage purposes are deducted from the value of the metal.

Respectfully,

M. McReely

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 17, 1918.

Mr. Wm. Hernon,
Landing, New Jersey.

Sir:

Replying to your card of August 15th, I beg to state that if you will forward the ounce of platinum you have to the United States Assay Office at New York, the Superintendent of that institution will make payment to you for the same after deducting charges for determining the value.

Charges are nominal and intended to cover the cost of melting and assaying.

Respectfully,

W. McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

OR/RL

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 19, 1918.

Mr. M. D. Bromberg, Secretary,
American Chicle Company,
19-20 West 44th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of August 5th, addressed to the "Director of the Mint at Philadelphia", has been referred to this Bureau by the Superintendent of the Mint. Replying the following is submitted:

Foreign coinage is executed at the Mint at Philadelphia, upon request of the duly accredited representative of a foreign government at this Capital. Any action on the part of the Mint is contingent upon such formal request.

The request is made by that officer through the State Department.

Should this coinage be undertaken the following will be the cost of manufacturing reals in accordance with the samples submitted:

100,000 pieces manufactured at the rate of $6.20 per thousand---this would include the cost of working dies. The hubs and master dies would have to be furnished to the Mint or if furnished by the Mint would cost $400.00.

If the above coinage is undertaken 5,000 ounces of fine silver and 342,8572 lbs. avoirdupois of copper 99.9 fine, would be required and would have to be furnished to the Mint. The cost of boxes or kegs for packing would be extra.

It is customary when request is made for coinage for a foreign government to have the representative of that country name the agent to receive and make payment for the coins at the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 19, 1918.

Mr. C. K. Kimball,
Committee on Public Information,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 16th, relative to the request of the Mutual Film Corporation concerning photographs of the operations of the Mint at Philadelphia, I beg to say that no definite arrangments can be made at the present time.

The request is before me to be acted upon as soon as it can possibly be arranged.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 19, 1918.

Phya Prabha Karavongse,
Envoy Extraordinary and
Minister Plenipotentiary,
3146 16th Street,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to advise you that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, has placed the order for 400 kegs to be used in packing coin for your government. The kegs will cost $2.50 each or $1,000.00 for the lot. This purchase was made in accordance with your suggestion that the containers be provided through the Mint. I trust the arrangement is satisfactory to you.

I will be glad to be advised by you of the name of the agent who is to receive this coin at the Mint when it is ready for delivery.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 19, 1918.

Mr. Otis D. Mader,
109 E. Main Street,
Circleville, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 14th, you are advised that the United States Assay Office at New York, will receive deposits of silverware in quantities approximating $100.00 in value and over, and make payment by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after the material has been melted, assayed, and the charges for this work deducted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 19, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

The following amounts of silver were delivered on August 16th, to the American Railway Express Company for shipment on account of the British Government.

New York Assay Office

$1,000,000---834 bars 765,846.99 fine ounces---850,941.10 gross ounces.

Mint at Philadelphia

$5,000,000---4,631 bars 3,867,187.50 fine ounces---4,296,875 gross ounces.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 19, 1918.

Mr. Wm. H. Perry,
c/o Herbert J. Perry Laboratory,
815 Lake Avenue,
Racine, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 16th, relative to scrap platinum you have on hand, I beg to request that you forward the same to the United States Assay Office at New York.

The Superintendent of that institution will remit to you the value of the platinum after deduction nominal charges for determining the value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 19, 1918.

Mr. M. H. Whittier, President,
Chamber of Mines and Oil,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 8th, enclosing a copy of resolutions passed by the board of directors of the Chamber of Mines and Oil, at their regular monthly meeting July 26, 1918, and thank you for taking the trouble of sending the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 19, 1918.

Mr. J. D. Taylor, Asst. Cashier,
Rockford National Bank,
Rockford, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 14th, you are advised that the composition of the silver dollar is 900 parts fine silver and 100 parts copper. No silver dollars have been coined since 1906.

The same alloy is used in our subsidiary silver coins or the 50, 25 and 10¢ piece.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 19, 1918.

Mr. L. C. Shepherd,
Citizens Bank Bldg.,
Evansville, Ind.

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th inst., advising of the forwarding by express of a package of old gold and silver, has been received and the package has been forwarded to the United States Assay Office, at New York, as there is no place in Washington where such deposits are received by the government.

The Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York, will remit to you the value of the gold and silver content less the charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. Payment will be made by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 19, 1918.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
9 & 11 Wall Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of August 17th, I beg to state that the capacity of our refineries in producing fine silver would not permit us to promise the exchange of foreign silver for fine silver and our fine silver on hand is negligible.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 20, 1918.

Mr. H. C. Cutting,
Monadnock Bldg.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear ~~Mr. Cutting~~:
Henry

Your telegram of August 15th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to me. The Department is now considering adopting some means to stimulate gold production and your telegram has been read with interest.

As soon as definite action has been taken I will be glad to communicate with you further.

Of course you are aware that I am vitally interested in having something done to help the industry. I will be glad to give every encouragement to helpful action by the Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 19, 1918.

Mrs. H. E. Pagge,
113 Ardmore Ave.,
Ardmore, Pa.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of August 15th, I beg to say that the mints of the United States, receive deposits of old silver in amounts approximating $100.00 in value and over.

It is not practicable for them to receive small quantities of silver such as you describe.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 20, 1918.

Mr. Charles F. Pugh,
Oatman, Arizona.

~~Sir~~: Dear Charlie

Replying to your letter of August 12th, relative to gold production, I beg to state that the Department is now considering some means of stimulating the gold industry, no definite action has yet been taken.

Your letter has been read with interest and will be placed on file with others on the same subject to be referred to when the matter is finally disposed of by the Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

P.S. Was glad to get your letter and do hope you are getting along in good shape

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O-I

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 20, 1918.

Mr. G. T. Murray,
Clarendon Springs,
Vermont.

Sir:

Your letter of August 16th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

Replying I beg to advise you that the issue of a new coin such as you describe would require an act of Congress.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 20, 1918.

Mr. Russell Bonnell,
Bay-Head, New Jersey.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 7th, relative to gold production, I beg to state that the Department is now considering some means of stimulating the gold industry, no definite action has yet been taken.

Your letter has been read with interest and will be placed on file with others on the same subject to be referred to when the matter is finally disposed of by the Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 19, 1918.

Miss Susie A. Smell,
Sierra City, Calif.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of August 6th, relative to gold production, I beg to state that the Department is now considering some means of stimulating the gold industry; no definite action has yet been taken.

Your letter has been read with interest and will be placed on file with others on the same subject to be referred to when the matter is finally disposed of by the Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 20, 1918.

Mr. Henry I. Seemann, President,
The Continental Mines, Power and
Reduction Company,
919-920 Equitable Bldg.,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 12th, relative to gold production, I beg to state that the Department is now considering some means of stimulating the gold industry, no definite action has yet been taken.

Your letter has been read with interest and will be placed on file with others on the same subject to be referred to when the matter is finally disposed of by the Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-1

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 20, 1918.

Mr. H. Lacy,
R. R. No. 1,
Whitney, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of August 9th, you are advised that a thousand dollars in gold coin weighs 3.68 lbs. avoirdupois.

Coin is 900 parts pure gold and 100 parts copper. Bullion can be of various finenesses.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-I

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 20, 1918.

Mr. G. W. Laybourn,
41 Kent Street,
Trenton, New Jersey.

Sir:

Replying to that part of your letter of the 16th inst., in regard to platinum, addressed to Mr. Broughton, I beg to say that if you will forward the wire you have on hand to the United States Assay Office at New York, the Superintendent of that institution will make payment to you for the value of the same.

Platinum received at that office is being conserved for the war purposes of the government.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 21, 1918.

Mr. R. P. Reese,
Auditor, American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway, New York City.

Sir:

Your report under date of Dec. 10, 1917, made on request of this office, covering estimated receipts of gold and silver during the calendar year 1917, credits Alaska with 384,149 ounces gold as having been received by the American Smelters Securities Co. From the final production reports I am able to locate to Alaska approximately 357,000 ounces.

If you can at an early date give me the sources of the items making up the aggregate of 384,149 ounces reported preliminarily the courtesy will be much appreciated.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 21, 1918.

Auditor for the Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Please cause settlement to be made for covering into the Treasury as unappropriated revenue, the sum of $28,085.42 representing the loss in weight due to abrasion of silver dollars melted or broken up and sold under the Act of April 23, 1918, to the British Government.

This amount should be covered into the Treasury as "receipts from abrasion of silver dollars melted for sale as bullion", and charged to the "special fund--charges on silver dollar bullion gold.

Accompanying this request is a statement giving details incident to the use of dollars for making the bullion sold to July 31, 1918.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 21, 1918.

Lake Tahoe Railway & Transportation Co.,
Lake Tahoe, California.

Gentlemen:

Your bill in amount $3.00 forwarded with your letter of August 15, 1918, is returned herewith accompanied by transportation requests and copies of government voucher form on which the bill should be rendered.

Voucher form should be signed at the place opposite the cross in the margin and instructions carried on the form should be observed.

Upon return of the formal voucher supported by the transportation requests the account will be placed in line for settlement.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 22, 1918.

Mr. E. E. Hatch,
Lodi, Calif.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 15th, I beg to advise you that the 5¢ nickel piece bearing the shield on one side and the figure 5 on the other, were issued from 1866 to 1883.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 22, 1918.

Mr. Robert Hunt,
Assistant Treasurer, United States,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of August 20th relative to the Illinois Centennial half dollar, I beg to say that the coins are being delivered to the Secretary of State, State of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 22, 1918.

Mr. Walter J. Ogden,
Michigan City,
Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 20th, I beg to advise you that if you will address the Secretary of State, State of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois in regard to the centennial coins now being issued, that officer will be able to advise you in regard to obtaining one of the pieces.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 22, 1918.

Auditor for the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the contract of the Continental Oil Company with the mint at Denver for supplying fuel oil to that institution during the fiscal year 1919.

Contract is forwarded to your for file and the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver, advised of this matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 22, 1918.

Mr. J. V. Smith,
Box 182 Station "C".
Los Angeles, Calif.

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th inst., addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau. Replying I beg to advise you that the government exercises no jurisdiction over such stocks of silver as you describe.

If the silver in the form of coin or bullion is offered to the United States Mint at Denver, the United States Mint at San Francisco, the United States Mint at Philadelphia or the New York Assay Office, it will be purchased at the rate of $1.00 an ounce for the silver 1000 fine contained.

The material would have to be delivered at the Mint at your expense and will be paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States after charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes have been deducted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 22, 1918.

Mr. Otto Manson,
Roscommon,
Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 19th, I beg to advise you that deposits of platinum will be received at the United States Assay Office at New York, and paid for at the rate of $105 per ounce for fine platinum.

The charges for determining the value of your deposit will be deducted from the proceeds of the deposit.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 22, 1918.

Mrs. W. P. Lanphere,
906 Republican St,
Concordia, Kansas.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 28th together with small package containing burned money. The package together with your letter has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

It is not customary for the Mint to receive small quantities of this kind. In this case however, the Superintendent will be requested to accept it and make payment to you for whatever value it is possible to find in the burned metal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 22, 1918.

Mr. John M. Weitzel,
Bedford, Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 13th relative to a deposit you desire to make of old gold and silver scrap, I beg to say that the government offices are not required to receive deposits in small quantities. If this were done so many very small deposits would be received in the form of bits of gold and silver that it would be impossible for the government offices to undertake to do the work.

A limit of approximately $100.00 has been placed on the amount that should be sent in. However, if you have an amount that would at all approximate $100 in value and would send it to the United States Assay Office at New York, the Superintendent of that institution will accept the same and make payment to you for the value of the gold and silver after deducting charges for fitting such material for purposes of the government.

It is obvious that if your deposit is so small as to make it unprofitable for you to forward the material on account of the charges, that you would not care to send it to the office named.

Respectfully,

R. Woolley

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 22, 1918.

Mr. George Keller,
Ely, Nevada.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 9th, I beg to advise you that assays of ore are made for the public at the assay office at Salt Lake City, the Mint at Carson, Nevada, the Assay Office at Deadwood, S. D., the Assay Office at Helena, Montana and the Assay Office at Boise, Idaho.

I regret that we have no appropreiation which would permit us to do this work for the public without charge. The charges imposed are nominal and merely enough to cover the cost to the government of the material used and the time taken by those employed in doing this work.

Respectfully,

R. Baker

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 22, 1918.

Dr. T. W. Harkins,
Akron, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 19th I beg to advise you that gold and silver and platinum scrap approximating in value $100 and over, will be received at the New York Assay Office and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after charges for determining the value of the material in the metals have been deducted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 22, 1918.

Mr. Edward P. Jones,
Breckenridge, Colo.

Sir:

Your letter of August 14th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury relative to the production of gold has been referred to this office for attention. The question of stimulating the gold production has been before the department for some weeks. Conferences have been held in the western states, the outcome of which has not yet been presented. It is hoped that some action will be taken which will be of benefit to gold producers generally.

Your letter has been placed with others on the same subject and will be referred to when the subject is finally taken up by the department for adjustment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 22, 1918.

Mrs. Robt. D. McCurdy,
511 N. Arlington Ave.,
Baltimore, Md.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of August 19th in regard to the nickel piece with the "line under the Buffalo", I beg to advise you that this type of nickel is being coined at the mints and there are several millions of them in circulation.

There is no premium paid by the government on any issue of coin.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 22, 1918.

Mr. H. B. Simon,
Norfolk Public Schools,
Norfolk, Nebraska.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 16th, stating that you had on hand 4 3/10 grams of platinum, I beg to say that the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York, will purchase this platinum and make payment to you for the value of the metal after the same has been melted and assayed and charges for determining that value have been deducted.

The government is paying at the rate of $105 an ounce for platinum.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 22, 1918.

Honorable Charles B. Smith,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Smith:

I have your letter of August 9th, relative to the increase in the price of gold. Replying I beg to state that a conference has recently been held in the west in regard to stimulating the gold production.

I will be glad to give you any information that reaches the department in regard to the conferences referred to.

A great many of the gold producers have asked the government to consider offering a bonus on gold. The Department has the matter under consideration and when action is taken it will give me pleasure to advise you in regard to it.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 23, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

You are advised that on August 21st the Selby Smelting & Lead Company delivered to the American Railway Express Company 957 bars representing $1,500,000.00, for shipment on Steamship due to sail August 24th.

Number of fine ounces 11,601,156.25
" " gross " 128,906.25

Respectfully,

M. McRaily

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 23, 1918.

Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining & Concentrating Co.,
Kellogg, Idaho.

Gentlemen:

Your report on smelters form (copy enclosed) covering receipts and disposition of gold and silver during the calendar year 1917, leaves me somewhat in doubt as to the conclusions that should be drawn inasmuch as only about 1/9 of the gold receipts and about 1/4 of the silver receipts are included under the heading "disposition". This indecision is somewhat heightened by the results of an inquiry made of the Geological Survey to the effect that the silver content of ore concentrated by you during the year was something over 2,000,000 ounces or about double the quantity reported to this office.

It is learned that your refinery was placed in operation sometime during the calendar year 1917 and I am therefore enclosing a copy of our form for report of gold and silver product of private refineries with the request that you favor us with a report on this form for the year 1917.

This request is made with a view to securing as accurate results as possible in the making of our annual estimate of gold and silver production of the United States, and I trust that you will continue to cooperate by providing such information as will enable me to derive correct conclusions concerning material worked by you. Thanking you in advance for your continued cooperation in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Fallon

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 24, 1918.

U-File-M Binder Mfg. Co. Inc.,
Syracuse, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Will you please forward to this Bureau, a sample of the Tab illustrated in the enclosed circular together with a statement of the price of the same.

Please return the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 24, 1918.

United States Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of August 14th relative to the appointment of Mr. William R. Welsh, skilled workman at the Mint at Denver, I beg to submit the following:

Mr. William Welsh was selected from the regular eligible list furnished the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver by the Secretary of the twelfth Civil Service District. The recommendation for his appointment was forwarded in the usual manner by the Superintendent and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Your letter of June 6th relative to the proposed promotion of Mr. Welsh, from skilled workman to melter was forwarded to the Mint at Denver and the Superintendent advised that it would be necessary for Mr. Welsh to complete the regular probationary period before the promotion could be accepted. The Superintendent is holding this case until Mr. Welsh's probationary period has expired which will be Sept. 13, 1918. At that time the recommendation for the promotion of Mr. Welsh from skilled workman to melter will be forwarded to the commission in due course.

Respectfully,

M. McReily

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 26, 1918.

My dear Congressman Helm:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of a letter address to Mrs. Mary Helm by Lillyen Shugars, Liberty, Kentucky, enclosing scraps of platinum. The letter together with the platinum has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York. That officer will remit to Mrs. L. Shugars the value of the platinum contained in the deposit, making payment by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Harvey Helm,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 26, 1918.

Phya Prabha Karavongse,
Envoy Extraordinary and
Minister Plenipotentiary,
Gloucester, Massachusetts.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 22nd, referring to the shipment of coin now being prepared at the Philadelphia Mint for your Government.

It would be impracticable for the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to forward the coins to your agent in San Francisco, and I beg to suggest the following procedure:-

We can arrange to have the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia render his account for the coins in anticipation of the time for their delivery. When payment is made at the Mint the Superintendent will be instructed to deliver the coins to the American Railway Express Company for conveyance to your agent at San Francisco, and render to you an account for the cost of transportation. The question of insurance and charges would necessarily have to be arranged in accordance with your wishes, and by you. The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia would be instructed by this Bureau to take a receipt in duplicate from the Express Company, the original of which would be transmitted to you.

You are doubtless aware that it will be necessary for you to obtain an export license when the time for exporting the coins arrives.

If we can serve you further please call upon us.

Respectfully,

M. Baffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 26, 1918.

Mr. Sidney Goldsmith,
356 Northern Ave.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 22nd, together with package containing platinum and gold chain. The chain and letter have been sent to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office, at New York, and that officer will remit to you the value of the gold and platinum contained in the chain. Payment will be made by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 26, 1918.

Mr. J. D. Taylor,
Ass't Cashier,
Rockford National Bank,
Rockford, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 22nd, I beg to advise you that the value of the silver in the silver dollar at todays price of silver, namely $1.00 an ounce, is $.7734375.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 26, 1918.

Mr. A. M. Rizy,
New Smyrna,
Florida.

Sir:

I have your letter of August 24th, enclosing two parts of a machine which have platinum contacts. The material has been forwarded to the United States Assay Office, at New York, and the Superintendent of that institution requested to communicate with you as to what use the government could make of the platinum in the form that you offer it.

Respectfully,

M McPherson

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 26, 1918.

Mr. H. M. Lawrie,
Oregon Building,
Portland, Oregon.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 19th inst., I beg to confirm the figures contained therein covering the gold imports and exports for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1918, and the value of gold coin and bullion in the Treasury, June 29, 1918.

The figures covering the gold monetary stock of the United States as of June 30, 1918, will not be available for several weeks. If you wish to have them sent you when they become available kindly advise me.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 27, 1918.

Mr. James McCabe,
Box 47,
Signal, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 17th, I beg to advise you that the half dollar made in 1814, which you have in your possession, cannot be paid for by the government for any amount above its face value.

Your letter has been forwarded to the Secretary of the National Red Cross, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 27, 1918.

Mr. J. Barling,
Box #1159
Muskogee, Okla.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 20th, I beg to advise you that the Trade Dollar is only bullion value. It is not redeemable at face value. For six months after the withdrawal of the Trade Dollars they were redeemed by the government at face value.

The government pays no premium on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 27, 1918.

Mr. J. W. Mitchell,
6721-1st Avenue,
Birmingham, Ala.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 21st and package containing platinum scrap. The package has been forwarded to the United States Assay Office at New York, and the Superintendent of that institution will remit to you the value of the platinum by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Thanking you for same, I am

Respectfully,

M McPherson

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 27, 1918.

Mr. V. O. Hayes,
Gen. Del.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 18th, you are advised that jewelry, watch cases, rings etc., forming old gold scrap will be received at the United States Assay Office at New York, in quantities approximating $100.00 in value and over and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States after the value has been determined by melt and assay and the charges deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes. Brass is not received.

The package should be sent prepaid by express, or by registered mail.

Respectfully,

H. M. Rob[illegible]

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 27, 1918.

Mr. G. A. Weber, Acting Director,
Institute for Government Reasearch,
818 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 23rd, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World, 1916."

I regret that we have no copies of the "Regulations for the Transactions of Business at the Mints and Assay Offices, Jan. 1, 1918," for distribution. This pamphlet is issued for the exclusive use of the Mint institutions.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc.
O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 27, 1918.

Honorable Alvan T. Fuller,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 23rd, in which you state that a constituent of yours, Mr. Aubrey Mortimer, is desirous of securing two McKinley gold dollars, I beg to state that the McKinley gold dollars are being sold by the McKinley National Birthplace Memmorial Association, Nile, Idaho.

The Treasury has not handled these coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 27, 1918.

Mr. C. F. Pittee,
40 Querrsy St.,
Medford Hillside,
Mass.

Sir:

I am returning herewith specimen of carbon and beg to advise you that this material is not handled by the Mint service.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 27, 1918.

Driver-Harris Company,
Harrison,
New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith a voucher for nichrome dipper. The account should be forwarded to the institution which made the purchase.

Respectfully,

M McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 27, 1918.

Miss Alma G. Nellis,
Route #2,
Phoenix, Ariziona.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of recent date describing an "O" dime, I beg to advise you that there is no premium paid by the government on any issue of coin.

I am unable to advise you who might purchase the coin above its face value.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Q-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 27, 1918.

Mr. J. E. Butler,
Box 12,
Mogollon, New Mexico.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 16th, stating that you have a ten dollar gold piece which is badly worn, I beg to state that the Treasury could only accept this as bullion.

The government pays no premium on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 27, 1918.

Mr. G. W. Hurst,
Warrenton, Va.

Sir:

Your letter of July 8th, enclosing a letter from Theodore DeLand came to my desk during my absence in California. It has just been brought to my attention, and I beg to advise you that Theodore DeLand was discharged from the Mint at Philadelphia on November 10, 1917. He was dismissed from the service for making charges against his superiors which had no foundation in fact.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 27, 1918.

Mrs. R. N. McCorkle,
Athens, Ga.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of August 19th, I beg to say that sterling silver tableware in quantities approximating $100.00 in value and over, will be received at the United States Assay Office, New York, and paid for at the rate of $1.00 an ounce for the fine silver contained in the deposit.

Payment will be made by check on the Treasurer of the United States. The charges for melting and assaying this material will be deducted from the value of the silver. Charges are nominal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 27, 1918.

Mr. C. G. Blanden,
332 South La Salle St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 22nd, relative to a "Loyalty Medal", which I have read with interest.

Thanking you for the same, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 27, 1918.

Mr. Frank A. Knapp,
Nogales, Arizona.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 21st, in relation to gold production in Mexico. I regret that this Department has no means of directly assisting you in the development of this property.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 27, 1918.

Mr. M. T. Chestnut Jr.
Suite 709 Colorado Bldg.,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 21st relative to the gold production, I beg to advise you that the subject with which your letter deals has been engaging the earnest attention of the Department and I am glad to receive any views bearing on this subject.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O.L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 27, 1918.

Col. Chester T. Kennan,
409 Empire State Bldg.,
Spokane, Wash.

Sir:

Your letter of August 19th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury in regard to gold production, has been referred to this Bureau.

The subject with which your letter deals has been engaging the earnest attention of the Department and I am glad to received any views bearing on the subject.

Respectfully,

R. B. Baker

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 27, 1918.

Mr. Cyrus L. Tripp,
412 Mining Exchange Bldg.,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury concerning gold production, for which I thank you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 27, 1918.

Hon. Henry F. Ashurst,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Ashurst:

Your letter of August 20th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury enclosing a letter from Mr. L. E. Troxel of Globe Arizona, discussing the question of gold production has been referred to this Bureau.

As you are aware, the subject with which Mr. Troxel's letter deals has been engaging the earnest attention of this Department, and I am glad to receive any views bearing on this subject.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 28, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City:

Gentlemen:

Referring to my letter of August 23rd, I beg to make the following corrections:

Number of silver dollars melted -------	$1,500,000
Number of fine ounces ----------	1,160,156.25
Number of gross ounces ----------	1,289,062.50

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 29, 1918.

Mr. H. L. Berkey,
La Porte, Calif.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 22nd, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury on stimulating the production of gold. The matter has been referred to this office for attention.

Your statement that Judge O'Brein, who has had a wide experience in mining litigation, would furnish data upon the subject, is noted.

The subject of gold production has been engaging the earnest attention of the Department and I shall be glad to receive any views bearing on the subject.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 29, 1918.

Mr. Thomas Yettru,
Cohoes, New York.

Sir:

You are advised that the silver spoons forwarded by you have reached this office and have been transmitted to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York. There is no place in Washington where such deposits are received by the government.

The Superintendent of the New York Assay Office will remit to you the value of the silver less the charges for fitting this material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 29, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of August 22nd, I beg to state that on account of the present arrangement handling the express charges on silver to be exported, it seems advisable to have this office continue to authorize the Selby Co. to make deliveries of proceeds of silver dollars they handle, to the express company.

The Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint will be given authority to act for me in this respect and I hope we will cause you no delay or inconvenience in this way.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 29, 1918.

Mr. Walter Cramer,
Clarinda, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 26th I beg to advise you that the United States Mint at Denver, will receive the gold and silver scrap you describe and make payment for value of these two metals by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Platinum scrap is also received by the Mint. The Mint cannot handle pewter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 29, 1918.

Mr. Frank A. Ross,
Spokane, Washington,

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 20th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing a copy of a paper that will be read at the Gold Conference, Sept. 5 & 6.

This subject is engaging the earnest attention of the Department and I am glad to receive any views bearing on the subject.

Thanking you for sending a copy of the poster together with the copy of your paper, which I read with interest, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 29, 1918.

Mr. O. T. Roddan,
Perry, Iowa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 26th asking what the Department is offering as special inducements and privileges for the mining of metals. Replying you are advised that the Department is giving this subject very earnest consideration at the present time.

No definite action has yet been taken in regard to the stimulation of gold production.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O/L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 29, 1918.

Mr. H. Zadig,
365 Bush Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Your letter of August 5th, together with the copy of the Financial Year Book of the Daily Commercial News, has been referred to this office.

I have read your article with much interest and thank you for your courtesy in affording me the opportunity.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 29, 1918.

Phya Prabha Karavongse,
Envoy Extraordinary & Minister Plenipotentiary,
Siamese Legation,
Gloucester, Mass.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 26th, referring to export license which will be required for the shipment out of the United States of the coin now being prepared at the Mint at Philadelphia for your government.

I regret that it is not practicable for us to undertake to obtain this license. I would suggest that you address the Secretary of the Federal Reserve Board, Treasury Department, as to the best manner of proceeding in regard to obtaining the license necessary.

This office would be glad to serve you in this respect, but it will be necessary for you to make the application directly.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 29, 1918.

Mr. Shiela E. Nuttall,
Plaquemine, Florida.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 23rd, I beg to advise you that the Department does not exchange old gold, silver and copper coins as such.

The United States Mint at New Orleans will purchase from you as bullion gold and silver coins worn and abraded, in quantities. Coins will be purchased only as bullion and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

I would suggest that you confer with the Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at New Orleans as to whether the coins you describe can be handled by him as a deposit.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 29, 1918.

Mr. H. A. Tenney,
Marlboro, N. H.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 26th, I beg to advise you that the government will be glad to purchase platinum in any quantity. The Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York City will receive this material and after determining its value by melt and assay will make payment to you by check on the Treasurer of the United States for the value of the platinum contained in your deposit.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 29, 1918.

Asst. Auditor of Miscellaneous Accounts,
Pennsylvania, R. R. Co,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith I am returning your bill No, 526/365 in amount $.86, with the information that same cannot be considered until it is supported by accomplished Bill of Lading or other evidence of delivery of the material shipped.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 29, 1918.

Auditor for the Treasury,
Auditors Building,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith original contract with the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company, for telephone service at the United States Mint at Denver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

August 29, 1918.

Mr. P. C. Cartier,
635 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Cartier:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 21 in regard to platinum, in which you state that you propose to write to your patrons who have old settings and objects in platinum which they do not use, requesting them to turn them over to you, permitting you to act as their agent for the sale of the same to the Government.

Replying I take pleasure in assuring you that the Department will be very glad to receive platinum in any amount. The Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York has been designated by the Government to receive and make payment for deposits of platinum. A nominal charge, sufficient to cover the cost of determining the value of the various deposits, is imposed, and deducted from the value when payment is made.

I very much appreciate your courteous cooperation in this work, and will be glad to have your assistance in acquiring platinum metals for the Government.

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The Superintendent of the New York Office is authorized to pay $105 per ounce for platinum; $135 per ounce for palladium and $175 per ounce for iridium.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

September 3, 1918.

Mr. William F. Jackson,
Co. A, Development Batallion, Camp McArthur,
Waco, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 30th instant I beg to say that metallic gold can be washed out of pulverized ore but that process requires skill.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

September 4, 1918.

Mr. V. Sydney Rothschild,
56 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant. Your letter has been read with interest, but, as you are doubtless aware, the issue of a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation would require an Act of Congress.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

September 4, 1918.

Mr. Albert J. Paine,
San Bernaddino, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 29th stating that you had sent samples of ore to the "U. S. Assayer, on May 31st, I beg to advise you that no samples have been received at this Office. The Post Office Department has delivered your letter to this Bureau, but there is no U. S. Assayer in Washington who does assaying for the public, and there is no public assay office connected with the government in Washington.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

September 4, 1918.

Gotthelf Jewelry Company,
Vicksburg, Miss.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 31st ultimo I beg to say that if you will send the gold and silver scrap you have, together with platinum in any amount, to the United States Assay Office, New York, the Superintendent of that institution will remit to you the value of the metals contained in your deposit, less nominal charges for determining the value of the deposit. The Government will be glad to receive such deposits, especially platinum and kindred metals.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

September 4, 1918.

M. Swift & Sons,
100 Love Lane,
Hartford, Connecticut.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 31st ultimo I beg to advise you that the sale of gold bars was resumed at the New York Assay Office on August 31st, the suspension of the issue of bars having been effected through a misunderstanding.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 5, 1918.

Virginia & Truckee Railway,

Carson City, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

Will you please forward to further support your bill No. 1295 - 2, for transportation of crucibles, etc., from New York in March last, in amount $9.46, a certificate to the effect that the original bill of lading has been lost and that if it is later found it will be surrendered to the Government without making claim thereon. The bill is accompanied by a certificate of shipment and delivery but not by bill of lading.

Also please authorize deduction from the amount of the bill, for two bottoms broken in transit, the sum of $4.00, said bottoms costing us $2.00 each.

The crucibles, etc., were enroute from New York to the Carson City mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

September 6, 1918.

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Replying to your telephone inquiry I beg to say that the Government is in need of platinum and will be glad to have your assistance in procuring it.

The United States Assay Office at New York, a branch of this Bureau, is receiving and holding platinum and kindred metals for the uses of the War Department.

The Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York determines the value of the deposits received, and makes payment through the official channels. Platinum is paid for at the rate of $105 per ounce, palladium at $135 per ounce and iridium at $175 per ounce. The material should be sent to the "Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office, New York".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 9, 1918.

Auditor of Receipts,
Pullman Car Lines of the U.S.R.R. Administration,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 28th in which reference is made to letter of this office dated August 9th wherein there was enclosed transfer tickets #I-57181 and 57182, issued at Washington for accomodations from Washington to Philadelphia and Washington to New York respectively, and on which request was made for refund, I beg to advise that the accomodations in question were furnished on Treasury Department transportation requests issued May 7, 1918, #T-16402 and T-16413. These transportation requests were honored in San Francisco May 27, 1918, your bill covering the same is #ED-60573, dated July 16, 1918.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

September 10, 1918.

Mr. A. L. Perry,
Ludlow, Oklahoma.

Sir:

The package forwarded by you containing specimens of quartz has been forwarded to the Smithsonian Institution, and the Secretary of that institution advised of this letter to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

September 9, 1918.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Under date of September 4th the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia delivered to the American Railway Express, for account of the British Government, 4550 bars of silver, weighing 4,296,875 gross ounces and containing 3,867,187.50 fine ounces of silver before melting, and valued at $3,867,187.50.

The Superintendent was instructed to forward to you a copy of the receipt of the agent of the Express Company covering this shipment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

September 11, 1918.

Mrs. Ellwood B. Spear,
27 Walker Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of September 8th, I beg to advise you that I have designated the United States Assay Office at New York to receive all platinum in the form of dental scrap, jewelry, laboratory utensils, etc.

Payment for the metal is made after the value has been determined by melt and assay and charges are deducted for the cost of handling the metal. Payment is made at the rate of $105 an ounce for the platinum contained in each deposit.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

September 11, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith duly receipted vouchers covering express charges on silver dollars during July and August, amounting to $81,702.30 less $28.88 the amount of the expense account of Mr. Joseph Steel from August 7th to August 14th, while witnessing the destruction of silver dollars at the Selby Plant. A check for $28.88 has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco for payment to Mr. Steel.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 12, 1918.

Mr. A. E. Campbell,
Section on Organization,
Nation War Savings Committee,
Treasury Department, Wash. D.C.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your courteous letter of September 7th on the subject of platinum and the government's need of kindred metals.

I very much appreciate your cordial co-operation with this Bureau in giving wide publicity to the desire of the government to procure platinum for war purposes.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

O-E

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

September 12, 1918.

Mr. James Bevans,
Acting Chief, Division of Customs,
Treasury Department, Wash. D.C.

My dear Mr. Bevans:

Replying to your letter of Sept. 7th, I beg to say that the New York Assay Office is equipped for handling deposits of platinum. It will give the Superintendent pleasure to place at the disposal of the representative of your office in New York, all of the information available in regard to the method of handling platinum deposits.

A personal visit from your representative might be more satisfactory than a written description. I will take pleasure in instructing the Superintendent at New York to extend the courtesies of the New York Assay Office to your representative if you will kindly telephone to this office the name of the officer whom you wish to have look into this work.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 13, 1918.

Auditor of Miscellaneous Accounts,
Pennsylvania Railroad Co.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Under date of August 9, 1918, there was forwarded to the Auditor of Passenger Accounts, Pennsylvania R. R. Co. an unused ticket from Washington to Denver, Colorado purchased June 13, 1918, on Treasury Department transportation request #T-16426 dated May 9, 1918. This ticket was unused because the new rates went into effect prior to date of leaving Washington.

I am informed under date of September 10, 1918 by the General Passenger Agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., that said ticket has been referred to you for purpose of arranging proper credit.

Inasmuch as your bill #518/210 covering the ticket in question has not as yet been settled, I am forwarding the original of same to you herewith with the suggestion that both your bill and the ticket be canceled thus offsetting the two items.

The original transportation request on which the ticket was issued is being retained in this office pending receipt from you of information as to whether the proposed method of settleing transaction will be satisfactory; if so the transportation request will be canceled.

Your early consideration of this matter will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

M. McRaily

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 13, 1918.

General Passenger Agent,
Pennsylvania Railroad Company,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of Sept. 10th replying to letter of this office dated August 9th concerning redemption of certain milage books, unused tickets, etc., is at hand and your statement is noted that cupon from Portland to Seattle on New York - San Francisco excursion ticket bears no redemption value inasmuch as value of the service exceeds the original cost of the ticket. In this connection I beg to call to your attention a statement of the traveler who procured and used the ticket in question, as follows: "I wish to say that when my ticket was originally made up the Portland to Seattle trip was inserted through no instructions of mine inasmuch as my instructions were to make ticket read from Portland to St. Paul; however, the ticket having been made up to Seattle they informed me that it would be interchangeable at Portland. It was necessary, however, on arriving at Portland to secure the extra ticket on the S.P.&S. for Spokane."

In view of the statement above quoted it appears that the extra expense occured through no fault of the traveler and that this office should not be required to pay the additional fare in the sum of $11.20, charge between Portland and Spokane.

Will you please advise me if this matter cannot be adjusted with the S.P. & S. Co. either for cancellation of their charge for the ticket from Portland to Spokane or for refund on the cupon Portland to Seattle, which in fact represented travel from Portland to Spokane via Seattle.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

September 13, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith check forwarded by you covering the cost of express charges on shipment of 4631 bars of silver bullion from Philadelphia to San Francisco August 15th, amounting to ----$29,893.35 and charges for refining 1,500,000 silver dollars by the Selby Plant August 21st, ---- 15,738.28
45,631.63

Will you be kind enough to cause separate checks to be made out for the individual accounts. I regret to be obliged to give you this trouble, and do so only for the purpose of making our transactions clearer in the records, and more direct.

Respectfully,

F. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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Mr. W. H. Chancellor,
Strong,
Arkansas.

Sir:

The ore together with money order of $1.00 has been received and forwarded to the United States Mint at New Orleans. The Assayer in Charge of that institution will report to you further.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 13, 1918.

Mulholland Bros.,
1020-24 Church St.
Evanston, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of Sept. 10th stating that you had on hand a little over 4,000 ounces of 925 fine rolled silver, I beg to state that this silver will be received at the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado and paid for at the rate of $1.00 an ounce 1000 fine for the silver contained.

Nominal charges will be deducted for preparing the bullion for coinage purposes. The deposit should be sent prepaid to the Superintendent of the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado. Payment will be made by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

W. M. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 13, 1918.

Mr. C. W. Straughan,
P. O. Box 248,
Staunton, Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of Sept. 11th, I beg to advise you that gold in the form of bullion, not ore, will be received at the United States Assay Office at New York, in quantities approximating $100 in value and over and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States after charges have been deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

September 13, 1918.

Mr. A. Milo,
238 Seneca Street,
Buffalo, N. Y.,

Sir:

Package containing burned money has been received and forwarded to the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 13, 1918.

Alabama Jewelry Co.,
Greenville,
Alabama.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 6th inst., you are advised that silver in quantities approximating $100 in value and over will be purchased at the United States Assay Office at New York, and paid for at the rate of $1.00 per ounce 1000 fine. Charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes are deducted from the value of the deposit. The charges are nominal. Payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 13, 1918.

Mr. P. H. Weilbacher,
P. O. Box 1022,
Seattle, Wash.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of Sept. 5th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, I beg to advise you that the Department has no appropriation which can be used to assist in the development of the land you describe for the purpose of extracting ores.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 13, 1918.

Mr. John R. Leak,
Andrus Building,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of Sept. 5th relative to the property you have in Columbia, South America, I regret to advise you that the Department has no funds with which to avail itself of the opportunity of assisting you in the development of this land.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 13, 1918.

The Merchants & Farmers Bank,
Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of Sept, 7th, stating that you have a client who has placed with you a small amount of gold, I beg to suggest that this bullion be forwarded to the United States Assay Office at New York.

Payment for this deposit will be made by check on the Treasurer of the United States after charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes have been deducted. Charges are nominal.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 13, 1918.

Mrs. M. McEndree,
420 Chicago Street N,
Lincoln, Illinois.

Madam:

I am returning herewith mutilated coin enclosed in your letter of the 8th inst., and regret that it cannot be redeemed. It has only bullion value and of small amount on account of the mutilated condition of the coin.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc.
O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 14, 1918.

National Bank of Nicaragua, Inc.,
38 Pine Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of September 7th relative to the cost of executing coinage for the Nicaraguan Government, I beg to submit the following:

750,000 - 1-centavo, $2.20 per 1000 pieces
100,000 - 5-centavo, 4.00 per 1000 pieces

These prices include the cost of working dies only.

Master dies, metal, and the boxes or kegs used for the shipment would be additional to the above.

The weight of the coins is to be 4 grams for the 1-centavo and 5 grams for the 5-centavo piece.

The alloy for the 1-centavo to be 94$\frac{3}{4}$% copper, 4% tin, 1$\frac{1}{4}$% zinc while the alloy for the 5-centavo is to be 75% copper and 25% nickel.

The amount of metal required will be,- 7,093.2082 pounds avoirdupois of copper (99.90% copper content); 264.5486 pounds avoirdupois of tin (99.90 Banca-Straits or electrolytic); 275.5714 pounds avoirdupois, screened shot nickel (99.10 nickel cobalt content) and 82.6718 pounds avoirdupois high-grade zinc (99.60 zinc content). Time required 30 days after receipt of dies and metal.

As you are doubtless aware the request for this coinage would have to come to this Bureau in the Treasury Department through the State Department before the coinage could be undertaken.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 14, 1918.

Mr. Harry W. Van Dyke,
Woodward Building,
Washington, D'C.

Dear Mr. Van Dyke:

Responding to your request for information as to the cost of executing coinage for the Government of Honduras, I beg to submit estimate for the same as follows:

750,000 - 20-centavos, $6.50 per 1000 pcs.
750,000 - 10-centavos, 5.50 per 1000 pcs.

The weight of the 20-centavo coins to be 5 grams and the 10-centavo coins 2½ grams. Fineness- silver 500, copper 500. Tolerance- 2½ grains.

The above prices include the cost of working dies only. The cost of the master dies would be $400.00 per pair.

Bullion, metal, and boxes or kegs used for shipping would be additional to the above.

The amount of bullion and metal required for this coinage would be as follows:-

Silver, fine, 90,421.88 troy ounces.
Copper, 99.90% copper content, 6,200.3568 avoirdupois pounds, best electrolytic.

Time required for the execution of this coinage, 30 working days after completion of the dies and receipt of metal.

The estimate submitted herewith is based upon an equal division of the number of pieces asked for in the memorandum submitted by you to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 14, 1918.

Hon. Thomas Sterling,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Sterling:

Your letter of August 23rd enclosing a letter of Mr. Chambers Kellar of Lead, South Dakota, together with the article by Mr. H. W. Seaman reached my desk during my absence from the city. I have read Mr. Seaman's article with much interest and am returning the same herewith.

The subject with which the article deals has been engaging the earnest attention of this Department and I am glad to receive any views bearing on this subject.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 14, 1918.

Pickards, Mather & Co.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of September 12th, I beg to advise you that all packages of platinum received at this office have been forwarded to the United States Assay Office at New York. Your letter of the 12th inst., has this day been transmitted to the Superintendent of the institution named above, and that officer instructed to cooperate in every way to identify the platinum you refer to if it has been sent to him.

The Superintendent has been instructed to report on this case to this Bureau and I will advise you upon hearing from him.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 14, 1918.

Mr. C. E. Gripp,
411-412 Mining Exchange,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of Sept. 7th, I beg to say that this Department has no appropriation which can be utilized for the purpose you suggest.

Thanking you for your interest in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 14, 1918.

Keystone Publishing Co.,
P. O. Box 1424,
Bourse Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of September 10th I am enclosing herewith one copy of the regulation recently issued governing the sale of gold bars at the United States Mints and New York Assay Office.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 14, 1918.

Mr. Ernest H. Wakeman,
Rooms 205-6 Foxcroft Building,
68 Post Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 5th relative to platinum, I beg to advise you that the United States Assay Office at New York has been formally designated the government institution to handle platinum to be received and conserved for war purposes.

I regret that I will be unable to utilize your services directly but thank you for the interest you manifest in cooperating with the Government in procuring this precious metal.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

C-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 14, 1918.

Mr. Claude E. Collins,
Hotel Jerome,
Jerom, Arizona.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of Sept. 6th, I regret to state that we have no appropriation with which to assist in the development of the property you describe.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 14, 1918.

Dr. I. Kitsee,
209 Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of Sept. 5th, I beg to say that the United States Assay Office at New York, has been designated as the government institution to handle platinum.

Thanking you for offering your services, and regretting that we cannot avail ourselves of them at the present time.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 14, 1918.

Hon. Park Trammell,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Trammell:

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of September 10th stating that Mr. Paul Smith of Cresent City, Florida, is anxious to obtain a $50 gold piece.

The only $50 gold piece ever authorized by Congress was that issued for the Panama Pacific International Exposition Company. The coins were delivered to the Secretary of the Commission and sold at $100 a piece. I regret that I am unable to advise you where one of these pieces can be obtained.

Respectfully,

[illegible]

Acting Director of the Mint.

C.J.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 16, 1918.

Mr. F. M. Thomson,
220 I.W. Hellman Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Sir:

I have your letter of August 28th relative to platinum deposits and kindred metals. Thank you for the interest which you manifest in regard to the government's procuring a supply of platinum.

I regret that we have no appropriation to utilize for the purpose which you propose in your letter.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 16, 1918.

Mrs. Horace J. Fogg,
Norwell, Mass.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of September 3rd, I beg to state that the United States Assay Office at New York, will receive deposits of silver in the form of silverware, jewelry, etc., in quantities approximating $100 in value and over and make payment for same by check on the Treasurer of the United States after nominal charges have been deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 16, 1918.

Mr. Ivan Stalberg,
Baker Rood,
Nahant, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 28th, I beg to advise you that the Government of the United States has never issued a $2.00 silver piece.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 16, 1918.

Miss R. E. Jackman,
Slippery Rock, Pa.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of September 9th, I beg to state that the only publication which covers the inquiries contained in your letter is that book entitled "Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia."

This book is sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government printing office and by the Superintendent, United States Mint at Philadelphia, for $1 a copy. I regret that we have no sets of that volumn for gratuitous distribution. The volumn contains about 600 pages and will give you the information you seek.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 16, 1918.

Mr. W. P. Meeker,
Box 637,
Warren County, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 27th, I beg to state that if you will forward the old gold and silver you have to the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado, in quantities approximating in value $100 or over, the Superintendent of that institution will make payment to you for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 16, 1918.

Mr. Morton J. Loeb,
35 Elm Street,
New Haven, Conn.

Sir:

Replying to your card of August 27th, I beg to state that the government has not commandeered platinum in the form of jewelry or in any other form. The government will be glad to receive deposits of platinum and make payment by check on the Treasurer of the United States for the same.

The United States Assay Office has been designated as the institution to receive such deposits. Nominal charges are deducted from the value of the platinum contents and deposits are paid for at the rate of $105 per ounce for pure platinum contained.

Respectfully,

M. P. Rudy

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 16, 1918.

Mr. H. G. Cutting,
869-65 Monadnock Bldg.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Your letter of August 28rd addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau. As you are doubtless aware the subject with which your letter deals has been engaging the earnest attention of the Department and I am glad to receive any views bearing on this subject.

Respectfully,

W. McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-I

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 16, 1918.

Mr. Ed. M. Miltner,
Millvale Station,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 3rd, I beg to say that the United States Assay Office at New York will receive deposits of old gold and silver in quantities approximating in value $100 and over, in form of jewelry, etc., and pay for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States, less the charges deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Silver coins so worn as to be unfit for circulation are redeemed by the Treasury Department if readily recognized as genuine. Minor coins such as nickels and one cent pieces are puchased as bullion in quantities approximating in weight 1 lb. and over. The silver and nickel coins referred to should be sent to the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 16, 1918.

Miss Helen Harvey,
614 Milwaukee St.,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of recent date relative to gifts of silverware.

Your letter has been read with interest.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 16, 1918.

The Assistant Treasurer of the United States,
United States Subtreasury,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 24th enclosing a letter from Herbert Jackson, Oakland, Calif., submitting a design for a six cent coin.

The letter together with the sketch has been placed on file for future reference. As you are aware a coin of the denomination of six cents cannot be issued without authority from Congress.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 16, 1918.

Mr. Chas. N. Hudson,
607 Brandon St.,
Seattle, Wash.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 4th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, which has been referred to this Bureau. As you are doubtless aware the subject with which your letter deals has been engaging the earnest attention of the Department and I am glad to receive any views bearing on the subject.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker
Director of the Mint

M. McKenley
Acting Director of the Mint.

Bay

O-L

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Sept. 16, 1918.

Auditor for the Treasury Department,
Auditor's Building,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith contracts covering supplies to be furnished to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, duly approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitted for file.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Enc.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 16, 1918.

Mr. R. F. Clark,
Pacific University,
Forest Grove, Oregon.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 19th, which reached my desk in my absence I beg to say that the phamphlet entitled "General Instructions and Regulations in Relation to the Transaction of Business at the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States" is exclusively for the use of employees for the service.

I regret that we have no copies available for distribution, however, I am taking the liberty of sending in this mail a copy of the Department Circular #52, which contains much general information on the subject to which your letter refers.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 16, 1918.

Mr. W. E. Merriss,
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway, New York City.

Dear Mr. Merriss:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your courteous response to our inquiry of August 28th under date of Sept. 9th, in regard to the sales of silver during the week ending Sept. 7th.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 16, 1918.

Mr. J. D. Campbell,
El Paso, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 30th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and later referred to this Bureau, I beg to advise you that the issue of a souvenir dollar and half dollars would require the approval of Congress. Without this authority this Department could not act on the suggestion you offer.

Thanking you for your interest, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 16, 1918.

Mr. George Herbster,
2322 16th Street,
Troy, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 13th suggesting a change in the weight of the minor coins, I beg to say that an act of Congress would be required to effect this alteration in the coins.

Thanking you for your interest. I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 16, 1918.

Hon. George Otis Smith,
Director U. S. Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Smith:

I beg to refer to your letter of July 29th which reached my desk when I was out of the city. It has recently been called to my attention and I beg to state that the subject matter of your letter i.e. "The World Production of Silver," has been taken up with Mr. Strauss, to whom you refer in your letter and arrangements have been made for this Bureau to supply all of the data it can.

I shall presume upon the usual cordial co-operation of your Department if it is found that the figures this Bureau can supply Mr. Strauss should be augmented.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 17, 1918.

Mr. Edwin Anderson,
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Sept. 7th, in reply to circular letter of August 28th, and beg to say that it is not necessary for you to make a written report.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 17, 1918.

Anaconda Copper Mining Co.,
Great Falls, Montana.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of September 7th in response to our inquiry of August 28th in regard to silver production, I beg to state that your conclusions are correct in that it will not be necessary for you to make the report to us under the circumstances.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 17, 1918.

Bartesville Zinc Company,
1625 Boatmen's Bank Bldg.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 14th, relative to silver sales and appreciate your courteous response to our circular letter of August 28th.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 17, 1918.

Mr. M. C. Measel,
603 Whittock Ave.,
Crowfordsville, Ind.

Sir:

I am returning herewith package fowarded by you and regret to advise you that it is material that we cannot receive in the United States Mints and Assay Offices.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 17, 1918.

United Metals Selling Company,
42 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 10th, in response to our inquiry of August 20th, relative to silver sales.

Please accept my thanks for your courtesy in responding to the inquiry of the Government on this subject.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-I

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 17, 1918.

U. S. Smelting, Refining & Mining Co.,
Mammoth Plant,
Kennett, California.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of September 9th, I beg to state that it is noted your entire product is shipped to the U. S. Metals Refining Co., Chrome, New Jersey.

Your courtesy in responding to this inquiry is appreciated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 17, 1918.

The East Butte Copper Mining Co.,
Butte, Montana.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 6th in response to our inquiry of August 28th. It is noted that all your product is sold to the Nichols Copper Co. of New York City. It will therefore be unnecessary for you to make a weekly statement as requested.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-I.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 17, 1918.

Mr. Dwight H. Day,
The Board of Foreign Missions
of the Presbyterian Church,
156-5th Avenue, New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 23rd enclosing a copy of a letter addressed by you to Mr. Vance McCormick of the War Trade Board, I beg to say that this office has no jurisdiction over the export of silver in the form of coin or bullion.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 17, 1918.

Mr. T. J. MacMahon, Associate Editor,
American Car and Foundry Co.,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 14th, I beg to suggest that you address the Superintendent, United States Mint at Philadelphia in regard to procuring a photograph of the United States Mint in the city named.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Q-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 17, 1918.

Mr. M. D. Bess,
Madison County,
Marquand, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 11th, I beg to say that if you will forward the gold bar you describe to the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado, the Superintendent of that institution will receive and make payment for the gold contained.

Payment will be made to you by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 17, 1918.

Mr. Samuel Aumiller,
Adams County,
Berne, Ind.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the certificate of ore assay enclosed in your letter of recent date addressed to the United States Assay Office at St. Louis. The Assay Office at St. Louis has been closed for a number of years.

Assays of ore are made at the United States Assay Office at Deadwood, South Dakota, at a charge of $1 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for determining other metals. A specimen not less than 5 lbs. in weight is required to make a satisfactory assay.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 17, 1918.

Mr. C. C. Weber,
R. R. #1, Box 75,
Buron County,
Sardina, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 13th, I beg to advise you that the United States Mint and Assay service cannot use aluminum and copper contained in the automobile.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 17, 1918.

Nevada Consildated Copper Co.,
McGill, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of September 4th relative to silver sales, I beg to advise you that it will not be necessary for you to make the report referred to.

I take pleasure in expressing my appreciation of your courtesy in responding to our circular letter of August 28th.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 17, 1918.

Auditor for the Treasury Department,
Auditors Building,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Bill #1295/2 of the Virginia & Truckee Railway Company in amount $9.46, is returned herewith accompanied by sub-vouchers requested in your letter of August 30, 1918.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 17, 1918.

From: Raymond T. Baker, Director of the United States Mint, Washington, D. C.

To: District Manager, Aircraft Production, New York City.

Subject: Platinum. Reply to letter of Sept. 16, 1918.

1. The entire platinum supply of the country is now in the hands of the War Industries Board. Mr. C. H. Conner, is Chief of Platinum Section, War Industries Board, Washington, D. C. Any platinum used in the industries or by the various Government Departments must be released by his order. The platinum is being refined and held by the United States Assay Office, at New York, a branch of this Bureau, by which office the platinum is destributed under allocations made by Mr. Conner. I would advise, therefore, that you take up with him your requirements.

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 17, 1918.

Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 11th transmitting a cablegram received from the Governor General of the Philippine Islands relative to the impending shortage in subsidiary silver coinage in the Philippines, I beg to state that a temporary suspension of the re-coinage of Philippine coins will have to take place at the Mint at San Francisco on account of the extraordinary demand upon our mint for domestic coinage at this time. This suspension will be as short as possible. Every effort will be made to resume the re-coinage for the Philippines at the earliest possible date.

I anticipate that we will not miss more than two transports and regret that is is absolutely necessary to delay even to this extent in the execution of the Philippine re-coinage.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 17, 1918.

Forbes Magazine,
299 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of September 3rd requesting that you be supplied with the latest figures as to the number of silver dollars melted for export.

I regret that it is an inexpedient and impracticable for me to supply this information at this time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 17, 1918.

Mr. Thomas J. Dee & Co.,
5 South Wabash Ave.
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

I have your letter of September 6th and have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the "Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1917", which contains a report on the production of the precious metals for the calendar year 1916. I am enclosing a table giving an estimate of the production of gold and silver in the United States for the calendar year 1917.

The War Industries Board is in charge of the restrictions upon the sale of gold for industrial purposes. That part of your letter which refers to the gold bar situation has been referred to that Board for further attention.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 17, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
69 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of September 14th, I beg to advise you that the 5,000,000 standard silver dollars melted for export on the Steamship Venezuela, August 24th, were uncirculated coins and weighed 3,867,187.50 ounces.

The proceeds of the $5,000,000 delivered by the Philadelphia Mint for export on September 21st were circulated silver dollars and weighed 3,858,450.70 fine ounces.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

September 17, 1918.

Scovill Manufacturing Company,
Waterbury, Connecticut.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone communication of this date asking you to quote on furnishing to the United States Mint at Philadelphia 50,000 pounds of blanks for the one cent pieces. Your early attention to this request will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 17, 1918.

United States Smelting Refining & Mining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York City, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of September 12th in response to our letter of August 28th, I beg to say it is noted that no sales of silver were made by you from August 28th to the date of your letter.

Thanking you for your courtesy in responding to our request, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 18, 1918.

Mr. Milton Paul,
817 E. Washington St.,
Syracuse, New York.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 16th enclosing $2.00 to pay for assaying a specimen which you forwarded sometime ago to this office. There is no office in Washington where assaying is done for the public.

Your sample together with the $2.00 have been forwarded to the United States Mint at New Orleans. The Assayer in Charge of that institution will report to you in regard to the value of the sample submitted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 18, 1918.

Pickards, Mather & Co.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of September 12th relative to the loss of three platinum crucibles and one plate, I beg to state that inquiry has been made at the New York Assay Office where all deposits of platinum are received for treatment. The Superintendent reports that he has no record of having received a deposit from Erie. He has received several deposits of platinum crucibles from other sources and if he could obtain the weight of the crucibles in question he might be able to trace the metal better. Should any deposits be received at the New York Assay Office from Erie, the Superintendent is to advise this office and you will be duly informed.

This Bureau will co-operate in every way with you in an effort to detect a theft of this kind.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 18, 1918.

United Metals Selling Company,
42 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge with thanks your letter of September 17th enclosing statement covering sales of silver made by your company for the week of September 9th to 14th, and thank you for your courtesy in the matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 18, 1918.

Mr. Fred. A. Dolph,
763 Calvert Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 14th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury relative to the Howie Mining Co's., properties. I am returning herewith the prospectus and regret that we have no appropriation with which to develop the properties you offer to the government.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 18, 1918.

Mr. T. H. Williams,
510 North 21st, St.
Portland, Oregon.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 12th, I regret to advise you that we have no appropriation which we can utilize to assist you in developing the property you describe.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 18, 1918.

Mrs. Lotta K. Ranp,
708 S. Main Street,
Athens, Pa.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of September 17th, I beg to state that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia may be able to utilize the piece of gold you describe.

That officer is not required to accept deposits of gold which do not approximate in value $100. I would suggest, however, that you forward to the officer named the gold you describe.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 18, 1918.

American Railway Express Co.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith check for $29,893.35 covering the cost of shipping silver dollars on August 16th from Philadelphia to San Francisco.

Please forward receipt in duplicate to this Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 18, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 16th, enclosing three checks from the Secretary of State for India, as follows:

Express charges on shipment of 4631 bars silver bullion from Philadelphia to San Francisco August 16th - - - - - - - - - $29,893.35

Charges for refining 1,500,000 silver dollars by Selby Plant August 31st - $15,738.28

Personal expenses of Mr. Joseph W. Steel while witnessing the destruction of silver dollars at Selby Plant Aug. 22nd to 30th - $18.89

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Q-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 19, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith receipts covering the accounts of George H. Seaver, and of the Selby Smelting & Lead Company, as follows:

Receipt of George H. Seaver, dated Aug. 8, 1918, covering expenses incurred in witnessing destruction of coins during period from June 15, 1918 to July 8, 1918, as per voucher forwarded July 9, 1918: $93.55

Receipt of George H. Seaver, dated Aug. 24, 1918, covering expenses incurred in witnessing destruction of coins during period from April 26, 1918 to May 3, 1918, as per voucher forwarded May 8, 1918 $26.15

Receipt of George H. Seaver, dated September 10, 1918 covering expenses incurred in witnessing destruction of coins during period from August 3, 1918 to August 7, 1918, as per voucher forwarded August 8, 1918 $28.92

Receipt of Selby Smelting & Lead Co., dated August 8, 1918, covering refining of 500,000 silver dollars as per bill of June 30, 1918 ($5246.09) and 500,000 as per bill of July 10, 1918 ($5246.09) $10492.18

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 19, 1918.

Mr. George F. Kunz,
405 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

I have your letter of September 9th and have read it with much pleasure. Your suggestion that franked envelopes should be supplied to those who signify their intention to deposit platinum has been particularly noted.

As you are aware such a privilege could not be extended without permission from Congress.

With personal regards I am,

Very cordially yours,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 19, 1918.

Mrs. C. A. Wright,
2121-24th Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

Madam:

I have your letter of September 12th, relative to gold coins you hold in your possession. The Mint does not receive coins that have been in circulation.

I would suggest that you consult a reliable bank in regard to the disposition of the coin you wish to have reach a safe depository.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Q-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 19, 1918.

Mr. William Margolis,
c/o United States Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding transportation request for transportation of yourself from Philadelphia to New York in July last at the close of the annual settlement.

This transportation request does not bear your certification that the accomodations were furnished.

Please sign same and return.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enc.
F-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 19, 1918.

Department of the Interior,
(Bureau of Mines),
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith bill of the Philadelphia Mint covering cost of 3 ounces proof gold furnished on your order #829-M, dated June 30, 1918.

Please cause the amount of the bill $62.12 to be repaid by transfer settlement to the appropriation Contingent Expense, Mint at Philadelphia 1918.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 20, 1918.

National Bank of Nicaragua, Inc.,
38 Pine Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of September 17th in reference to proposed coinage for the Nicaraguan Government and to my letter of September 14th covering the same, I beg to say that the metals cannot be supplied by the Mint. It will be necessary for you to have the required amount delivered to that institution before the coinage can be undertaken.

Respectfully,

M. McKeally

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 20, 1918.

Mr. R. Smith Bassett,
Old Hickory Copper Co.,
Passaic, New Jersey.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 18th which has been referred to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York, the institution in whose charge the platinum is being handled for the government.

I suggest that you call upon that officer and discuss with him your qualifications in the matter of handling platinum with a view to the possibility of utilizing your services for the Government in connection with platinum work now being done at the New York Assay Office.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 20, 1918.

The Commercial and Financial Chronicle,
138 Front Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the preliminary estimate of the Production of Gold and Silver in the United States during the calendar year 1917, in response to your letter of September 18th. The final figures have not yet been arrived at. It is believed, however, that the estimate will very closely approximate the final figures.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 20, 1918.

Miss Hattie King,
Unadilla,
Georgia.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of September 12th, I beg to advise you that there is no institution connected with the government where deposits such as you describe can be received.

I should suggest that you offer the materials you have to a reputable jeweler who would be likely to pay you for the value of the same.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 20, 1918.

Mr. Russell Thayer,
Drexel Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 18th enclosing a copy of your "Report on Platinum Metals and Processes for Sure Recovery".

Please accept my expression of appreciation for your courtesy in forwarding this article which I have read with much interest.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 20, 1918.

Mr. Chas. Sparrow,
446 Ellicott Square,
Buffalo, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 18th, I beg to advise you that the United States Assay Office at New York and the United States Mint at Philadelphia, will receive deposits of old gold and silver scrap in quantities approximating $100 in value and over and make payment by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after nominal charges have been deducted for melting and assaying the materials to determine their value.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 20, 1918.

Mr. E. B. Gregg,
1008 East Bowie Street,
Marshall, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th inst., I beg to advise you that there is no place in Washington where deposits of old gold are received. The Mints and Assay Offices are not required to receive deposits which do not approximate in value $100.00.

I regret that I am not able to advise you where you can dispose of this gold watch case to a government institution.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 21, 1918.

Mr. H. J. Greer,
Slater Trust Company,
Pawtucket, R. I.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 14th, relative to gold bars. The letter has been forwarded to Mr. Robert Steele, Director Gold and Silver Section, Gold, Silver and Platinum Division, War Trade Board, Council of National Defense, Wash. D.C.

The War Industries Board has been designated the body to decide upon the amount of gold bars which shall be issued to the patrons of the New York Assay Office.

Respectfully,

R. M. Rolle

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 23, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to enclose herewith a receipt from Joseph W. Steel for $28.88 dated September 16th covering expenses incurred in witnessing destruction of coins at the Selby Smelting and Lead Co's. Plant from August 7th to 14th.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 23, 1918.

Mr. Joseph D. Little, Manager,
The Gorham Co.,
15 Maiden Lane,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Responding to your request of September 20th, I take pleasure in forwarding herewith a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint, which contains a table showing the amount of the precious metals used in the arts since 1880.

This report also covers the coinage since the establishment of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 23, 1918.

Professor Irving Fisher,
Yale University,
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Doctor Fisher:

Replying to your letter of September 21st, I beg to advise you that I was not present at the recent conference held in the west to stimulate the production of gold.

This question is engaging the earnest attention of the Department, but no definite action has yet been taken.

It will give me pleasure to keep you advised should any definite action be contemplated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 23, 1918.

Director,
Bureau of Engraving & Printing,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 20th, I beg to state that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has this day been instructed to proceed with the manufacture of the 200 silver plates in accordance with specifications contained in your letter.

Will you please cause to be forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia the 141.09 ounces avoirdupois of silver which can be used in the manufacture of these plates. It is understood that the Superintendent will furnish the additional amount of silver required to complete your order.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 24, 1918.

Phya Prabha Karavongse,
The Siamese Minister,
Siamese Legation,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 21st, I have taken pleasure in instructing the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to hold subject to your order until about the middle of November the coins prepared for your government, transportation facilities for these coins not being available to you until the period named.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 24, 1918.

Miss Mabel M. Stevens,
14 Sophia Street,
Mamaroneck, N. Y.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of September 21st, I beg to advise you that the department has no appropriation which can be utilized to develop the mining property you describe.

Thanking you for your interest, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

September 24, 1918.

Mr. A. P. Saunders,
Hamilton College,
Clinton, N. Y.

Sir:

I have your letter of September 18th relative to platinum utensils which have disappeared from your laboratory. The letter has been forwarded to the New York Assay Office and the Superintendent of that institution who is now handling all of the deposits of platinum received by the government, will endeavor to identify any of the pieces you describe in case they reach the New York Assay Office as deposits.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 24, 1918.

Mr. Raymond E. Dodge,
4 Third Street,
Weehawken, N. J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 23rd, I have taken pleasure in causing a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the year 1917, to be forwarded to you together with a copy of the estimate of the Production of Gold and Silver in the United States for the calendar year 1917.

Your name has been restored to the regular mailing list of this Bureau and regularly issued publications will be forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

September 24, 1918.

National City Bank,
Foreign Exchange Department,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I am enclosing copy of the latest issue of our circular "Values of Foreign Coins", dated July 1, 1918, with our usual request for revision of the remarks column to bring it down to date. The final proof of new circular, to be dated October 1st, must be in the hands of the printer by the 30th instant.

Thanking you in advance for your continued assistance.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 24, 1918.

Mr. M. A. Herradora,
116 Broad Street,
New York City.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 23rd referring to a valuable property of platinum held by a relative of your in Columbia. Replying you are advised that this department has no appropriation which could be utilized for the purpose of exploiting the property you describe.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to Mr. Earl Harding, Woodward Bldg., Wash. D.C., to whom the same may be of possible interest.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 24, 1918.

Mr. E. J. Leben,
Beaumont, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 21st, you are advised that if you will forward the old gold, silver and scrap platinum you have the same will be purchased by the Superintendent, New York Assay Office, New York, at the following rates.

Fine gold @ $20.67 an ounce
Silver @ $1.00 an ounce, 1000 fine
Platinum @ $105.00 an ounce.

Charges are deducted for fitting the material received from you for the purposes of the government and payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O.-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 25, 1918.

Miss Nora J. Rials,
Hackley, La.

Madam:

I am returning herewith the pin enclosed in your letter of September 19th and regret to advise you that it is not platinum.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 25, 1918.

Mrs. M. S. Weaver,
#122 Arcade Bldg.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of September 18th, I beg to advise you that the United States Assay Office at New York and the United States Mint at Philadelphia, will receive deposits of old silver in quantities approximating $100 in value and over, and make payment by check on the Treasurer of the United States after nominal charges have been deducted for melting and assaying the materials to determine their value.

Silver is paid for at the rate of $1.00 an ounce. Packages should be sent by registered mail or express prepaid.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

September 25, 1918.

Mrs. H. P. Harvey,
614 Milwaukee St.,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your letter of recent date referring to letter from this Bureau of September 16th and to your letter of previous date addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, I beg to advise you that the practise of forwarding unused gold and silver jewelry and tableware to the United States Mints and Assay Offices is generally followed. Large quantities are constantly received at these institutions and converted for the uses of the government.

The Mints and Assay Offices are authorized to receive such materials in quantities approximating $100 in value and over. Payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States. Nominal charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes are deducted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 25, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to advise you that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has notified this office he has delivered to the agent of the American Railway Express Company for the account of the British Government the full amount of silver.

BAR LIST

Number of bars, marked S.S.I.	Gross ounces before melting.	Fineness.	Fine ounces before melting
4645	4,294,880.63	900	3,865,392.56

Value of silver dollar bullion @ $1.00 per fine oz. $3,865,392.56.

It is understood that Bill of Lading has been forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 26, 1918.

Mr. L. J. Burnes,
Assistant Cashier,
National City Bank,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor of the 25th concerning our circular "Values of Foreign Coins", I regret to have to state that it will not be possible for us to delay final proof of this circular later than the 30th instant.

The exchange quotations published by the New York Daily Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin are available to us and can be used for the present revision for the countries indicated by check marks on the enclosure.

Would very much appreciate it if you will forward on Saturday such data as are available for other countries. Will make arrangements to bring the matter to your attention earlier in the month when future circulars are to be prepared.

Will you kindly advise me if a weeks time, ten days, or two weeks would best suit you. Again assuring you of my appreciation of your helpfulness, I am

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

September 26, 1918.

Memorandum for Hon. Bernard M. Baruch.

United States Assay Office has received all together from sources outside of its own stock approximate.....31,270 ounces. This figure is approximate being based upon our experience as to recoveries from the general run of deposits being received.

Out of the 31,270 ounces ----------17,637 ounces of the fine platinum represents the contents of the large deposits of Russian crude platinum making the total received from other sources secured by the War Industries Board.....14,633 ounces.

The releases so far made of platinum just about equal the total deposits.

In addition to the above----------31,270 ounces we have on hand belonging to the Treasury..... 4,400 ounces of fine platinum; these, of course, cannot be paid out by us on releases, except on the direct orders from our own Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 28, 1918.

Mr. J. H. O'Neil, President,
Federal Trust Company,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. O'Neil:

Replying to your letter of September 25th, I beg to advise you that the conference of gold producers was held in Nevada, during the month of August. I have, however, nothing on official record in regard to the proceedings of that conference and was not able to be present.

The Department has so far taken no definite action in the matter of stimulating the production of gold.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

September 28, 1918.

National Bank of Nicaragua, Inc.
58 Pine Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of September 26th, I beg to advise you that this department advised the Minister of Nicaragua through the State Department that the coinage desired by the Nicaraguan Government would be executed at the Mint at Philadelphia at the charges already stated to you.

In regard to the restrictions covering exportation of coin, I beg to suggest that you take this matter up with the Reserve Board, Treasury Department as this Bureau has no jurisdiction over the export of coin or bullion.

Respectfully,

M. W. Reddy

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 28, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith acknowledgment of the receipt by the American Railway Express Co. of check for $29,893.35, covering the cost of shipping silver dollars on August 16th from Philadelphia to San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

September 28, 1918.

Pickards, Mather & Co.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 25th relative to platinum ware which has been stolen from the laboratory of the Perry Iron Company, Erie, Pa. Your letter has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York, and that officer will render every assistance in apprehending a criminality in connection with deposits received at his office.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Sept. 30, 1918.

Mr. John W. Daily,
Greenville,
Plumar County,
California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 18th, I beg to advise you that the matter of stimulating the gold production is now engaging the earnest attention of the Department. No definite action has been taken in the matter.

Your letter has been read with interest and placed on file with other similar letters to be taken up should the Department find it practicable to go further into the matter.

The letter of the Joshua Hendy Iron Works enclosed, is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

RB Baker

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 1, 1918.

Mr. R. H. Inglis Palgrave,
Henstead Hall,
Wrentham,
Suffolk, England.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of copy of your note on the "Progress of Banking in Great Britain and Ireland for 1917", and of your translation of the Report of the Bank of France for the same year, which are of great interest to me.

I have pleasure in assuring you of my appreciation for your courtesy in sending the publications which are a valuable addition to our reference library.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

October 1, 1918.

The Chief
The Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your letter of September 26th advising this Bureau of the receipt of a cablegram from the Governor General of the Philippines in regard to the shipment of coins from Manila, has been forwarded to the Superintendent to the Mint at San Francisco for his information and action.

Respectfully,

N. McReelly
Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

October 1, 1918.

The American Railway Express Co.,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith check for $29,893.36, covering transportation of silver bullion from Philadelphia to San Francisco, September 4th.

Will you please forward to Handy & Harman a receipted voucher for this amount.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Enc.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 1, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith a receipt of the American Smelters Security Company, dated Sept. 24th, covering the refining of 1,500,000 standard silver dollars as per their bill of August 21, 1918, amounting to $15,738.28.

There is also enclosed a receipt from Joseph W. Steel dated September 24th, covering expenses incurred in witnessing the destruction of silver dollars during the period August 22nd to August 30th.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Encs.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 1, 1918.

Mr. C. DeKalb, Associate Editor,
Mining & Scientific Press,
420 Market Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 20th, relative to the use of platinum for the purposes of the Government at this time.

Your letter has been forwarded to the War Industries Board, the official body having in charge the platinum supplies of the United States.

Respectfully,

W M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 1, 1918.

Chief Division of Printing & Stationery,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I return herewith two prints of two illustrations to accompany my annual report, on one of which is the necessary legends written thereon.

Reverse should be rotated a little to the right - the first and last letters of United States of America should be in the same horizontal line.

The arrangement should be similar to those in my report of last year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

AAH-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 2, 1918.

Chairman
Council of National Defense,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Supplementing my letter of recent date relative to the stock of platinum on hand at the New York Assay Office, I beg to say that as a result of a complete check we had on hand September 30th platinum available in the ordinary course, allocations for which have not yet been received for 5500 ounces. This is exclusive of the 4400 ounces of the Treasury Stock belonging to the New York Assay Office.

The Superintendent of the New York Assay Office states that this estimate is accurate as can be made.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 2, 1918.

Dr. J. A. Roberson,
Denison, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 26th, I beg to say that exsisting law does not prohibit the total destruction of gold coins, the metal resulting from which is to be used in the arts.

There is, however, under contemplation a restriction of the uses of gold coin and bullion for unessential purposes.

I have forwarded your letter to the Chief of the Gold and Silver Section of the War Industries Board for further action.

I would suggest that you confer with that Board in case you desire further information.

Respectfully,

A. M. Ross

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 4, 1918.

Walker-Longfellow Company,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Responding to your request of October 1st, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a table giving the production of Gold and Silver in the United States during the calendar year 1917, by states.

This table has just been issued and I trust it covers your inquiries.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 4, 1918.

Mrs. C. L. Wright,
Park Rapids, Minn.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of September 24th, I beg to advise you that the Government has not appointed any jeweler to collect old gold and silver. The United States Assay Office at New York receives deposits of platinum and pays for same by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Deposits of gold and silver in quantities approximating $100 in value and over are received at the New York Assay Office, and the Superintendent of that institution is not required to receive deposits which do not approximate in value $100.

Your letter together with the package said to contain platinum has been forwarded to the New York Assay Office. The Superintendent of that institution will make payment to you for the value of the platinum.

I am returning herewith letter addressed to you by S. Jacobs & Company together with the letter forwarded to you from the Postmaster of Park Rapids.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 4, 1918.

American Railway Express Co.,
65 Broadway, New York City.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith your bill #8/32 as it carries several different classes of items, the different classes being payable at different offices and from different funds.

The following classification is given for your future guidance in preparation of bills, no two classes of which should be carried on the same bill.

First: Unparted bullion and pyx coins.
Second: Gold and silver coin except pyx coins.
Third: Nickle and bronze coins, voucher separately according to the mint which ships same, namely, Philadelphia, Denver or San Francisco.
Fourth: All other items chargeable to the Mint service.

Relative to the amounts charged on the enclosed bill for transportation of nickle and bronze coin, attention is invited to the fact that up to the present time the express companies have billed transportation costs on such coin either at the regular tariff rates, or at the rates carried in the old contract with the United States Express Company ---- whichever was cheaper.

Instances carried on the enclosed voucher are a charge under Bill of Lading #217, 333, the old contract rate being 1% on value of amount shipped, a charge of $50 instead of $56.43; under Bill of Lading #217340, same as the preceeding, and under Bill of Lading #217335 the old contract rate being 3% on value shipped or $150 instead of $162.69.

Will you kindly advise whether this practise will be continued.

Respectfully,

M. W. McPherson

Acting Director of the Mint.

R-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 4, 1918.

Bureau of Standards,
Interior Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Herewith find Bill of the Philadelphia Mint in the sum of $21.31 for silver strips and rods per copy of your order also enclosed. Please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the following appropriations in the amounts indicated.

Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia 1918-----$7.94

Contingent Expense, Mint at Philadelphia 1918,----$13.37

Respectfully,

M. McFeely

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 4, 1918.

Mr. R. P. Reese, Auditor,
American, Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

May I again trouble you concerning report with which you favored me under date of March 30, 1918, concerning the source and disposition of the gold and silver product of the American Smelting & Refining Co. during the calendar year 1917.

Under the heading "disposition of product" of the Perth Amboy Plant, the quantity of silver stated to have been deposited at mints or assay offices is given at over 20,000,000 ounces.

During the calendar year 1917 the total receipts of refined silver bullion, both domestic and foreign, of all of the mints and assay offices was approximately 13,000,000 ounces, about 2,000,000 of which was credited specifically to your Perth Amboy Plant. In view of these circumstances the entry on your report is somewhat confusing and I would greatly appreciate it if you could enlighten me concerning the same at an early date.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 4, 1918.

Mr. C. H. Conner,
Chief, Platinum Section,
War Industries Board,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your letter of October 3, relative to the amount of platinum on hand at the New York Assay Office has been received in the absence of the Director, who was confined to his house by illness. I have been instructed by him to forward your letter to the United States Assay Office at New York. Upon receipt of a reply from the Superintendent of that institution the Director will communicate with you further.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 4, 1918.

United States Arsenal,
Rock Island,
Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I am forwarding bill of the Philadelphia Mint for making silver sheets for the Rock Island Arsenal, accompanied by authority for performing the work and evidence that the completed articles have been received.

Please cause settlement to be made crediting the following appropriations in the amounts indicated.

Wages of workmen, Mint at Phil.	1918	$63.23
Contingent Expense, " " "	1918	11.13
Total		$74.36

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 5, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to advise you that on October 3rd the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia delivered to the American Railway Express Company for export on account of the British Government, the proceeds of 5,000,000 standard silver dollars melted into 4612 bars of silver weighing 3,865,009.16 fine ounces; gross weight of which was 4,294,454.62 ounces.

The Superintendent of the New York Assay Office delivered the proceeds of the melting of $1,500,000 consisting of 1,251 bars, aggregating 1,152,468.27 fine ounces, for export on the British Government account.

It is understood that copies of the Bills of Lading have been forwarded to you by the respective Superintendents.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 5, 1918.

Mr. George J. Marton,
c/o Washington Hotel,
Morristown, N. J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 3rd, I beg to advise you that if you will forward the chain you describe to the Superintendent, United States Assay Office at New York, that officer will make payment to you for the gold as well as the platinum contents of the chain.

Gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 an ounce and the platinum at the rate of $105 an ounce for the pure metal contained.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 5, 1918.

The Clary & Schervee Co.,
Lowell Building,
Foster Street,
Worchester, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith correspondence which has been delivered by the Post Office Department to this Bureau which does not seem to properly pertain to the business of this office.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc.
O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 7, 1918.

Arthur H. Thomas Company,
West Washington Square,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith invoice forwarded by you to this Bureau with request that spearate account be transmitted by you to the institutions making the purchase representated in your account.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 8, 1918.

Mr. Holmes Beckwith,
Northwestern University School of Commerce,
Northwestern University Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of Oct. 6th, I beg to suggest that for figures covering the gold exports and imports since the beginning of the war, you address the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

For the information you seek regarding the regulations under which gold exports are made, I respectfully refer you to the Reserve Board, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

Director of Intelligence.

O-L

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Oct. 8, 1918.

American Railway Express Co.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith a check for $29,825.83 covering the transportation of silver bullion from Philadelphia to San Francisco, September 13, 1918.

There is also enclosed a check for $2,996.87 covering transportation of silver bullion from New York to San Francisco, September 13, 1918.

Please return receipted vouchers to this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enc. 2 checks
O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

October 8, 1918.

Mrs. E. S. Hewett,
131 E. 79th Street,
New York City.

Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Oct. 4th enclosing a copy of the pamphlet entitled "War Work at Home".

I take pleasure in advising you that the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office, Pine Street New York, has been appointed the government official to handle platinum deposits for the government.

I would suggest that you call that officer by telephone and he will be very glad to give you whatever information is necessary for publication in your pamphlet.

Please allow me to express my appreciation of any assistance you may be able to render us in procuring platinum for the Government.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 9, 1918.

Prabha Karavongese,
Minister of Siam,
Siamese Legation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 8th stating that transportation has been arranged for the coins now being held for your government at the United States Mint at Philadelphia. The Superintendent of that institution has this day been advised to release the coins to the American Railway Express Company under duplicate receipt, the original of which is to be forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

A. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 9, 1918.

Mr. C. W. King,
Bureau of War Risk Insurance,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Responding to your letter of October 4th, relative to Mr. George H. Sweet formerly an employee of this Bureau, I take much pleasure in stating that Mr. Sweet rendered highly satisfactory services in this Bureau and was released from duty with very much reluctance on the part of this office.

Mr. Sweet was regarded as an excellent Stenographer and general all around clerk with personality and business qualifications which made him one of the most satisfactory employees we have ever had in this Bureau.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 9, 1918.

Hon. H.F. Bain, Asst. Director,
Bureau of Mines,
Interior Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 8th, I beg to advise you that the Gold and Silver Section, War Industries Board, Council of National Defense, has issued regulations covering the paying out of gold bars for industrial purposes.

Your letter has been referred to the War Industries Board with the request that you be advised in the premises.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 10, 1918.

Mr. C. H. Conner, Chief
Platinum Section,
War Industries Board,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 3rd relative to the depositories for platinum, I beg to advise you that under date of October 1st, the Comptroller of the Currency addressed a letter to all National Banks requesting them to act as depositories. Several hundred replies have been received at this Bureau from the banks in which in every case willingness is expressed to co-operate with the government along the lines suggested in the letter of the Comptroller.

The Comptroller stated in his letter that upon being advised by the banks of their willingness to perform this service, a circular would be forwarded showing the prices fixed by the War Industries Board, which would be paid per gram and per ounce for the metal deposited with them, together with a statement of the treatment charges to be made by the Assay Office. It is understood that you are preparing the circular referred to by the Comptroller and will forward the same to the banks.

The Comptroller's office has an addressograph, carrying the names of the National Banks, which might be of service to you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 10, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith receipt covering $5,246.69 from the American Smelters Securities Co. dated Oct. 4, 1918, representing the cost of refining 500,000 standard silver dollars as per their bill of September 18, 1918.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 10, 1918.

The Chief
The Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, amounting to $22,703.71 covering manufacture of 709,924.60 pesos in Philippine silver and bronze coin shipped October 4th to Manila.

In payment of this account please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the following appropriations of the Mint at San Francisco for the fiscal year 1919:

Wages of Workmen, 1919	$15,135.81
Contingent expense, 1919	7,567.90

Respectfully,

M Marcus

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc.
O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 11, 1918.

The Paymaster General, U.S.N.,
Bureau of Supplies and Accounts,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Responding to the request received over the telephone, I am enclosing herewith 100 copies of the circular "Values of Foreign Coins". This circular was issued on October 1st and I find that the number remaining on hand is about 100 copies. I regret, therefore, that we cannot forward you the number requested, namely, 400 copies.

The attention of the distributing office has been called to your requirements and instructions have been given to mail the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts not less than 400 copies when the next edition is issued.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 11, 1918.

Bureau of Navigation,
Navy Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding bill of the Philadelphia Mint in the sum of $1.70 for manufacture of campaign medal for Thomas Mullins. The Bill is accompanied by copy of your order and acknowledgment of receipt of the medal.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the following appropriations in the sums indicated:

Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia 1919	$1.52
Contingent Expense, Do. 1919	.18
Total	$1.70

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 14, 1918.

Hon. Henry S. New,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator New:

Your letter of October 10th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention. Referring to the suggestions of Mr. C. L. Buschmann, of Indianapolis, that old gold in the form of jewelry, etc., be sold to the Government, I beg to advise you that large quantities of gold in the form of jewelry, dental scrap, etc. are constantly received at the various Mints and Assay Offices and the value of the same remitted to the depositors after the same has been determined by melt and assay.

Large quantities of the material described, have been received from time to time from the Chapters of the Red Cross and other organizations which have undertaken to make collections of unused gold and silver articles in various localities.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

October 12, 1918.

Mr. G. M. Conner,
Chief, Platinum Section,
War Industries Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring again to your letter of October 2nd, regarding the New York Assay Office, which letter I advised you under date of October 4th had been referred to the Superintendent of that Office, I have since gone over the matter thoroughly with Mr. Bovie. As a result, I feel sure that you need have no anxiety as to either the ability of that office to handle, or its efficiency in handling, such material as is deposited there.

Especially is this true regarding deliveries of finished products under allocations of your section and releases by the Ordnance Department, in which deliveries, contrary to the impression conveyed by Paragraph 5 of your letter, there has never, to this date, been the slightest delay.

The ability of the Assay Office to make deliveries under such allocations and orders is limited only by the amount of deposits of raw material. If these are made by you in sufficient quantities, within the time necessarily required for refining, you may safely disabuse your mind of any fear as to the finished product being ready for delivery when required.

I might suggest also that a prompt conference of such complaints as to payments, etc., to the Assay Office, where only all the facts surrounding such deposits are really known, would, in my opinion, ordinarily result in a prompt readjustment of them to the satisfaction of the depositor. This, at any rate, has been the experience of this Bureau in similar cases.

In conclusion, I think you may properly leave with me all questions of readjustment within my own establishment, with which questions I am sure you will recognize, I am quite competent to deal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Oct. 14, 1918.

Mr. Charles A. Wilson,
R.F.D.#4, Box 65,
Winchester, Illinois.

Sir:

Your letter of October 9th addressed to Hon. Henry T. Rainey, House of Representatives, has been forwarded by him to this office for attention. Replying, I beg to advise you that the Mint at Denver will purchase gold in the form of bullion and pay for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States after charges have been deducted for determining the value by melt and assay.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Oct. 14, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to enclose herewith receipt of the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, for $21.09 covering the amount paid to Joseph Steel, for expenses incurred in witnessing the destruction of standard silver dollars for the period from September 10th to September 18th.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc.
O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 16, 1918.

Mr. G. H. Knibbs, Statistician,
Bureau of Census and Statistics,
Melbourne, Australia.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of August 28, 1918, accompanied by tables relative to the World's Gold Production. The statistics given for the United States are correct as printed to include the calendar year 1916, and I am enclosing herewith a table giving the production for the calendar year 1917.

Yours very truly,

W. H. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L
Enc.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 16, 1918.

Hon. Thomas M. Bell,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Bell:

Replying to your letter of October 14th, I beg to state that assays of ores are made for the public at the following Assay Offices:

Seattle, Washington, Boise, Idaho,
Helena, Montana, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Deadwood, South Dakota, United States Mint at
Carson, Nevada and New Orleans, La.

The charge for determining gold and silver is $1.00, and for determining copper, tin, zinc, iron, lead and tungsten $1.00 for each metal determined in the sample.

It is desirable that a specimen weighing approximately 5 pounds should be submitted to the Assayer for analysis. A lesser quantity yields an unsatisfactory assay.

Respectfully,

M. W. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 16, 1918.

Bureau of Foreign & Domestic Commerce,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your request of the 14th inst., I am returning herewith your enclosure #35228, the silver prices being entered as per your request. I will be pleased to complete the data after the close of the calendar year.

Respectfully,

M. McCoach

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc.
F-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 16, 1918.

Mrs. H. Stinogel,
Lohrville,
Iowa.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 19th inst., I beg to advise you that the institutions of the Mint Service purchase gold and silver in the form of bullion or scrap in quantities approximating $100 in value and over.

We do not purchase brass, pewter or other metals. The United States Mint at Denver will purchase the silver you have in quantities sufficient to approximate $100. as above.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 16, 1918.

W. R. Ingalls, Editor
Engineering & Mining Jr.
10th Ave at 36th Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 10th, I beg to state that this Bureau will be able to dispense with the gratuitous copy of the Engineering & Mining Journal. Our subscription copy will be made to serve our purposes.

Your courtesy in forwarding this additional copy to this Bureau has been very much appreciated.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 16, 1918,

Mr. Otto J. S. Boberg,
Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 12th, I beg to state that the Government is anxious to purchase platinum in the form of scrap and unused laboratory appliances, but is not in such pressing need of the metal as to cause scientists to sacrifice their laboratory equipment.

Thanking you for your manifest good will in the matter. I am

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 16, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith receipts from the American Railway Express Comapny for draft #2 dated September 26, 1918, for $29,893.36, covering transportation charges of shipment of $3,867,187.50 Silver Bullion on Sept. 4, 1918 from Philadelphia to San Francisco.

Draft #6 dated October 1, 1918 for $2,996.87 covering transportation charges on shipment of $384,213.69 Silver Bullion on September 9, 1918 from New York to San San Francisco.

Draft #8 dated October 1, 1918, for $29,825.83 covering transportation charges on shipment of $3,858,450.75 Silver Bullion on September 13, 1918 from Philadelphia to San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 16, 1918.

Mrs. R. M. Curry,
302-6th Avenue,
Charles City, Iowa.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 11th inst., you are advised that silver in quantities approximating $100. in value and over will be purchased at the United States Assay Office at New York, and paid for at the rate of $1.00 per ounce, 1000 fine.

Charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes are deducted from the value of the deposit. The charges are nominal. Payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 16, 1918.

Mr. L. Deckebach,
1363 Chapel Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 14th inst., you are advised that gold in quantities approximating $100. in value and over will be purchased at the United States Assay Office at New York, and paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine.

Charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes are deducted from the value of the deposit. The charges are nominal. Payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 16, 1918.

Assistant to the Governor,
Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 11th referring to your letter of Sept. 12th relative to the issuance of gold for any except essential war uses.

Your letter of September 12th was referred to the War Industries Board for reply to you. I am today forwarding your letter to that body requesting that you be given the information you call for.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 17, 1918.

Hon. Ed. J. King,
House of Representatives, U. S.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman King:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 14th enclosing a check for $1.00 from Mr. L. C. Way, Galesburg, Illinois, to cover the cost of a fifty cent piece recently issued.

The fifty cent pieces authorized by Congress to commemorate the one hundreth anniversary of the admission of the State of Illinois into the union, have been delivered to the Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois. None of the coins have been at the disposal of the Treasury Department.

Mr. L. C. Way's check is respectfully returned.

Yours very truly,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Enc.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 17, 1918.

Mrs. Chas. R. Brown,
Brown Villa,
Dickinson,
Texas.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of recent date addressed to the Treasury of the United States, I beg to suggest that you forward to the Curator, United States Mint Philadelphia, a list of the coins you have for disposal with the request that that officer advise you of their numismatic value.

I regret that we are not in a position to pass upon the value of such a collection.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 17, 1918.

Hon. Em. S. Vare,
House of Representatives, U. S.
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Congressman:

Replying to your letter of October 14th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, I beg to advise you that the Department has no publication covering the value of old coins and stamps, and there is no record in this office that such a publication was ever issued by the Government.

Regretting that I am unable to advise you where such a book can be obtained. I am

Yours very truly,

M. McRill

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 16, 1918.

Auditor for the Treasury,
Auditors Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter W.H.L. of the 15th inst. concerning settlement of account for abrasion on silver dollars melted for sale as bullion, I beg to advise that the charges collected on the bullion sold have been properly covered into the Treasury. These moneys will be appropriated in conformity with the decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury dated May 31, 1918, copy of which is understood to be on file in your office, and will be available for use in reimbursing mint appropriations for expenses incurred in connection with melting the dollars and so forth.

Accounts covering expenses incurred in connection with the use of silver dollars as bullion will be rendered your office for settlement from time to time as conditions require.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F*L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

October 19, 1918.

Mr. E. Stove,
393-7th Street,
Buffalo, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your card of the 18th inst., I beg to advise you that the United States Assay Office at New York will purchase gold and silver in the form of jewelry, scrap, etc. in quantities approximating $100.00 in value and over, and pay for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Nominal charges are deducted from the value of the deposit for determining the value of the same by melt and assay. Packages should be sent by registered mail or by express prepaid.

Gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce 1000 fine, and silver at the rate of $1.00 per ounce.

Respectfully,

W. McChesney

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 19, 1918.

Miss Eliza Moore,
Greenville, N. C.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of October 14th, I beg to advise you that the United States Assay Office at New York will receive deposits of gold and silver in quantities approximating $100.00 in value and over and pay for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Nominal charges are made for determining the value of the deposit by melt and assay and deducted from the same.

Respectfully,

A. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 19, 1918.

Hon. Eduardo Higginson, Consul General,
Consulate General of Peru,
New York, New York;

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 17th making inquiry as to the possible use of an alloy composed of zinc, copper and aluminium to substitute the nickel coins desired by your Government. I have today instituted inquiry in regard to the use of such an alloy for the coinage and will advise you at the earliest possible moment of any information we can obtain on the subject.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 19, 1918.

Mr. N. A. Merrell,
Rialto, Calif.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 11th, I beg to advise you that the Illinois Centennial Half Dollar is for sale by the Secretary of State, State of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois.

The Treasury Department has not handled any of these coins except to manufacture them and to deliver them to the commission.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 19, 1918.

Mr. Fred J. Starr, General Manager,
H. C. Leyden Co., Inc.
Syracuse, New York.

Sir:

Your letter of October 17th has been received and referred to the War Industries Board, that body having in charge the restrictions now place on the use of gold for the arts.

I would suggest that you address that board for further information.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Oct. 19, 1918.

Mr. F. E. Cooper,
Editor of the World Almanac,
Pulitzer Building,
New York City.

Sir:

With reference to your request of October 17th, I am returning herewith sheet covering the monetary systems of the United States, revised to bring it down to date. There are no later figures than those for 1916 covering the Worlds Consumption of gold and silver nor for the Coinage of the Principal Nations of the World.

Figures covering the World's Production of Gold and Silver for the calendar year 1917 will be available in two or three weeks and will be forwarded you at that time if you can then use them.

Respectfully,

N. Mofeld

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 21, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith in duplicate a receipt for $5,246.09, received from the Superintendent of the United States Mint at San Francisco covering the account of the American Smelters Securities Company, (Selby Smelting Works) dated October 14, 1918, for refining 500,000 standard silver dollars as per bill of September 13, 1918.

Respectfully,

R. O. Bailey

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 21, 1918.

Mrs. J. M Johnston,
311 W. 6th Street,
Stuttgart, Arkansas.

Madam:

I beg to advise you that your letter of October 13th relative to ore assay made at the New Orleans Mint, has been referred to the Assayer in Charge of that institution who will advise you further in the matter.

Respectfully,

N. McRilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 21, 1916.

Mrs. M. E. Brown,
R. I. Box 680,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Madam:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 14th enclosing proposed designs for a five cent coin. I am returning herewith the sketches with appreciation of your interest.

I beg to advise you that no change can be made in the designs of our coins and no new coins can be issued without an act of Congress.

Respectfully,

N. Moffett

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Enc.

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October 21, 1918.

Mr. Charles E. Lawrence,
Office of General Superintendent,
Menominee Range,
Palatka, Michigan.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 17th relative to obtaining the release of Mr. C. H. Dunning, now at Stevens Institute, Hoboken, New Jersey, under Commandant F. L. Pryor of the Navy Department.

I regret to advise you that this Department has no authority or power to assist you in the matter in which you are interested.

Respectfully,

A. McRae,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 22, 1918.

Mr. Roy M. Harrop,
Room 337, Omaha Grain Exch. Bldg.,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Sir:

Your letter of October 8th addressed to the President, has been referred to this Bureau for attention. The subject of stimulating the gold production has been engaging the earnest attention of the Department and I am glad to receive any views bearing on the subject.

In regard to the Government operating the properties of the Capital Gold Mining and Milling Company, I regret to advise you that we have no appropriation which can be utilized to assist in their development.

Respectfully,

A. M. Kindy

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 22, 1918.

American Railway Express Company,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I am returning your bill No. T.D. 13-718 in amount $120.30, inviting attention to the fact that two different rates are applied to services of an identical nature, namely, transportation of minor coin between Philadelphia and Washington, the rate on one shipment being charged as $1.00 and on the other as a $1.10, the latter which appears to be in error.

Respectfully,

N. Mitchell

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc.
F-L

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Oct. 22, 1918.

Mrs. Ada Whitehouse,
Box 206,
Reedley, Calif.

Madam:

Replying to your card of October 17th, I beg to advise you that the United States Assay Office at New York will receive deposits of gold and silver in the form of old scrap, jewelry, plated ware, etc., in quantities approximating $100.00 in value and over.

Payment will be made by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after nominal charges have been deducted from the deposit for determining its value by melt and assay.

Packages should be sent by registered mail or express prepaid.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 22, 1918.

The American Railway Express Company,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith check received from Handy & Harman drawn by the Secretary of State for India in payment of charges on shipment of silver bars from Philadelphia to San Francisco, September 24th, amounting to $29,879.49

There is also enclosed a check drawn in favor of your company for charges on shipment of silver bars from Philadelphia to San Francisco, October 3rd, amounting to $29,876.53.

Kindly receipt and return to this Bureau.

Respectfully,

M McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc. 2 checks
O-L

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October 23, 1918.

G. Amsinck & Company, Inc.
(Colombian Department),
90-96 Wall Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October 17th, (Mr. F. Willenbruch) I beg to say that the proposed coinage for Colombia, if authorized, will be executed at the charges quoted on this coinage July 17, 1918 which were as follows:

50-centavos	$7.20	per	1000 pieces
20-centavos	5.50	"	1000 "
10-centavos	5.50	"	1000 "

The original 50-centavo dies are on hand at the Mint at Philadelphia. The dies for the 20 and 10-centavo pieces will cost $500. each and requir four months for their manufacture. These prices do not include the cost of metals nor the cost of boxes or kegs to be used in shippint.

In reply to your inquiry as to the importation and exportation of silver, I beg to refer you to the Federal Reserve Board, Treasury Department, the body which would pass upon licenses required in either case.

As you are doubtless aware the request for this coinage would have to come through the usual channels, from the State Department.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 23, 1918.

Hon. Eduardo Higginson, Consul General,
Consulate General of Peru,
New York City.

Sir:

Referring to your further letter of October 17th, I beg to submit the following statement:

Experiments have been made at the United States Mint at Philadelphia on an alloy composed of 95% copper and 5% aluminum, and the Superintendent reports that the metal has the appearance of 18 Karat gold. Where 96% copper and 4% aluminum was used, the appearance of the metal was similar to 14 Karat gold. In both the above cases no zinc was used. However, where a large percentage of copper is alloyed with aluminum, the metal will always have a bronze or brassy appearance, irrespective of the zinc content.

5% aluminum alloyed with copper is the limit of aluminum that can be used and rolled cold. It then is not a metal sufficiently malleable to be suitable for coinage purposes. To obtain a light colored appearance, it would be necessary to reverse the percentage of copper and aluminum employed and the aluminum appearance will then be obtained. In this case the copper used must be limited to about 10% if the metal be rolled cold.

The Superintendent states that it seems impracticable to obtain a nickel appearance from brasses and bronzes which are composed of the above metals.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint

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October 23, 1918.

Proprietors of The Economist,
London,
England.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find formal voucher covering one year's subscription to The Economist, which it is requested be signed at the place indicated by a cross in the margin and returned to this office, after which a disbursing officer's check will be mailed you.

Please have both back numbers and future numbers of The Economist mailed to "Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in Charge of Finance, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., U. S. A."

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 23, 1918.

Mr. F. E. Cooper,
Editor of the World Almanac,
Pulitzer Building,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd inst., wish to state that the table covering World's Production of Gold and Silver during the calendar year 1917, will be sent you as soon as available.

Concerning the last paragraph of your letter I wish to state that I am unable to locate in the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint a table such as is described; however, it is possible that the following information is what you desire:

World's production of gold in ounces was during the calendar year 1916, 21,970,788; in 1917 20,491,176. These quantities are valued at ----- $454,176,500. and $423,590,200 respectively.

World's production of silver in ounces was in 1916, 161,157,900 and in 1917, 163,972,700. These quantities had coining value in standard silver dollars of $208,365,800 and $212,005,100 respectively.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 25, 1918.

Mr. T. Hoyle,
Director of Publications,
Army Educational Commission,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 9th, I have taken pleasure in directing that the names of Mr. Franklin S. Hoyt and Dr. James Sullivan, be placed on the mailing list of this Bureau for general publications and have forwarded to them this day under separate cover a copy of the last report of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 25, 1918.

Dr. C. E. Stauffer,
426 Circular Street,
Tiffin, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 21st, I beg to advise you that the Mints and Assay Offices will receive old gold or jewelry and make payment for the same at the rate of $20.67 an ounce for the gold and $1.00 an ounce for the silver contained. The amount received should approximate $100.00 in value and over on the basis of the above rates. Charges, which are nominal, are imposed and deducted from the value of the deposit.

The Government has no list of the value of old coins, and I am unable to advise you where such a list can be obtained.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 25, 1918.

Third Asst. Postmaster General,
Post Office Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint in the sum of $20.20, covering the manufacturing of 4-cent and 5-cent embossing dies. Bill is accompanied by sub-vouchers covering the order and acknowledgment of their receipt.

Please cause the amount of the bill to be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the following appropriations:

Wages of workmen, Mint at Philadelphia - 1918	$18.00
Contingent Expense, Mint at Philadelphia - 1918	2.20
Total	$20.20

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 25, 1918.

Chas. Reilly Optical Co.,
615 Locust Street,
St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October 14th addressed to the Treasurer and later referred to this office, I beg to advise you that the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office will accept deposits of gold scrap in quantities approximating $100.00 in value and over.

Payment will be made by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after nominal charges have been deducted from the value of the deposit for determining the value of the same by melt and assay.

Respectfully

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 25, 1918.

Hon. Eduardo Higginson, Consul General,
Consulate General of Peru,
New York, New York.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 24th, relative to a proposed alloy for coinage purposes.

In confirmation of my telephone communication of this morning, I beg to state that the letter of this Bureau of October 23rd advising you of the report of the Superintendent on experiments of different combinations of metals was intended to respond to your inquiry as to the effect of combining the metals suggested by you.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia reports that the equipment of the Mint in machinery, etc., is not such as would permit him to handle the combination of metals suggested for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 25, 1918.

Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your recent visit to this office together with Dr. Fitzsimmons of the Philippine Treasury Department, in relation to the manufacture of machinery for the proposed Mint at Manila, I beg to submit the following:

Cost of New machinery, equipment, and appurtenances

Two medium size coining presses, at $7,000 each...	$14,000
One automatic weighing machine.....	5,000
One cutting press.....	1,600
One 6 ft. bullion balance.....	1,600
Two motor driven rolling mills.....	10,000
One strip shear.....	800
Punches and beds for various denominations.....	700

The balance of this equipment could be supplied from material, etc. not in use at the Philadelphia Mint, viz: in-got moulds and melting furnaces which have been superseded by electric melting; rotary annealing furnace and coin drying machine, and the various detail applicances necessary to operate a small mint.

In construction the new machinery, I beg to say that the Philadelphia Mint has all the brass and iron casting and necessary material in their equipment for the two rolling mills and one cutting press. They can also obtain the castings for the two coining presses, the necessary drawings and tools for these equipments being in possession of the Mint.

The Superintendent reports that the one drawback in furnishing this equipment is the lack of skilled labor and

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in order to undertake this work, it will be necessary to obtain the services of twelve first class machinists for a period of 8 months at a wage rate of not more than $5.25 per diem or such rate as may be determined by future legislation. It is suggested that application be made to the United States Employment Bureau for the number of machinists indicated above.

The Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint advises this Bureau that the housing and the immediate employment of the men will be cared for by him.

This Bureau will formally authorize the Superintendent to proceed with the manufacture of the equipment described above, contingent upon his ability to obtain the necessary skilled labor. In this connection, I beg to suggest that in accordance with your verbal statement the services of the United States Employment Bureau be enlisted and that the necessity for first class machinists be particularly impressed upon that body.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 26, 1918.

tor for Treasury Department,
uditor's Building,
Washington, D. C.

Please cause settlement to be made for the abrasion on silver dollars melted
sale as bullion, as below:

Authority	Face value	Legal weight	Weight before melting	Abrasion
		Fine ounces	Fine ounces	Fine ozs. at $1.00
18 and 25, 1918	$10,500,000	8, 121,093.75	8,113,503.24	7,590.51
14, 1918	10,000,000	7,734,375.00	7,734,375.00	--------
4 and Sept. 17 (Part - 8 million)	18,000,000	13,921,875.00	13,898,397.59	23,477.41
			Total abrasion ----	31,067.92

This account is approved for $31,067.92 to be charged to the "Special Fund - gus on silver-dollar bullion sold" and credited to Miscellaneous Receipts - "Re- pts for abrasion on silver dollars melted for use as bullion.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 26, 1918.

F. Perlman & Co.,
Memphis, Tenn.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October 22nd, I beg to advise you that the United States Assay Office at New York will received deposits of scrap silver in quantities approximating $100. in value and over.

Nominal charges are deducted from the value of the deposit for determining the value of the same by melt and assay.

Silver is paid for at the rate of $1.00 an ounce for the silver contained.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 28, 1918.

National Bank of Nicaragua,
38 Pine Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October 24th, I beg to submit the following in regard to the amount of metal necessary for the coinage of 750,000 one-centavo pieces, weighing four grams each, composed of 93¾% copper, 4% tine and 1¼% zinc:

Copper	6,226.4939 pounds, best electrolytic 99.90% copper content
Tin	264.5486 pounds Banca or Straits
Zinc	82.6718 " M. &. H. brand or equal.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 28, 1918.

American Railway Express Co.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith a check for $8,989.25 in agreement with your charges for the shipment of silver bars from New York to San Francisco, October 3rd.

Please return the voucher duly receipted to this office.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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October 28, 1918.

Mr. Edwin D. Wolfe,
714 Kohl Building,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 21st, you are advised that the report of this office for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1918, which includes a report of the Production of the Precious Metals for 1917, will not be issued until late in November or early in December.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 28, 1918.

Mr. Forrest G. Shirk,
Jonestown,
Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 23rd, I beg to advise you that the Government has never issued coins made of platinum.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 28, 1918.

United States Railroad Administration,
Pullman Car Lines,
Accounting Department,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith are government transportation requests, numbers T16402 and T16413, returned as per the enclosed copy of your letter of October 25th. The sum of $35.50 has been eliminated from your bill #EDC0573, as requested.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 28, 1918.

Mr. Edgar Kettle,
Belize,
British Honduras,
Central America.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 8th, I beg to advise you that the sample forwarded by you is calcite, carbonate of lime, common constituent of cave veins, of no probable commercial value except to make quick lime.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 29, 1918.

Mr. W. B. Powers,
Jacksboro, Tenn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 22nd, I beg to advise you that the United States Assay Office at New York will receive deposits of gold and silver in quantities approximating $100. in value and over, and pay for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Nominal charges are deducted from the value of the deposits for determining the value of the same by melt and assay.

Deposits which do not approximate $100. and over are not received at the Mints and Assay Offices.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 29, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith receipt for check Nos. 21 and 22, dated October 21st, for $29,879.49 and $29,876.53 in payment of shipments of silver bullion from Philadelphia to San Francisco on September 24th and October 3rd, 1918.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Encls. 2 checks.

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October 29, 1918.

Mrs. Anna R. J. Anderson,
Exton Post Office,
Pennsylvania.

Madam:

I am returning herewith Confederate notes enclosed in your letter of recent date and regret to advise you that they have no value other than that of curios.

The Government does not redeem Confederate noted.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Encl.

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of the Director of the Mint

Contingent Expense Mint Bureau 1919

Williams, Brown & Earle, Inc. October 29 8

918 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Department.

Universal Laboratory Filter Paper	1	pkge .13	13
W. B. &. E. Diameter m.m.75			
Universal Laboratory Filter Paper	1	pkge	
W. B. &. E. Diameter 100		.15	15
Filter Paper 500x500 m-m (20x20 ins.)	1	quire .60	60

$ .88

Acting Director of the Mint

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October 30, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith receipt for $23.53, covering expenses of Joseph W. Steel, incurred while witnessing the destruction of standard silver dollars at the American Smelters Securities Company (Selby Works) from September 23rd to October 1st.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 31, 1918.

Mr. John L. Carry,
Principal of Brandon High School,
Brandon, Oregon.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23rd addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention. The scientists of this Bureau have looked into the various processes claimed to be able to transmute other metals into gold. In other instances gold in some form was found to be present in some material used in the process. While this Bureau does not deny the possibility of such transmutation, it is regarded as being extremely improbable.

May I suggest that in order to give such a process standing, it would be necessary to submit affidavits of competent witnesses that they have seen the process successfully operated and have tested all the materials employed, and proved them free from gold.

I have read your letter with interest and will be glad to hear from you further should you care to address this Bureau.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 31, 1918.

Hon. Wm. S. Vare,
House of Representatives U. S.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Vare:

Replying to your letter of October 30th, I beg to state that Congress authorized the issue of one hundred thousand half dollars in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of the State of Illinois into the Union.

The coins have been delivered to the Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois, and are being distributed by the commission having the celebration in charge.

The Treasury has not handled any of the coins beyond having them manufactured at the Mint.

Yours very truly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 31, 1918.

Sgt. R. S. Rynning,
School Co. #2 for Enlisted Students,
Specialists School, M.G.T.C.,
Camp Hancock, Georgia.

Sir:

I am returning the money order enclosed in your letter of October 7th and beg to advise you that the coins have been delivered to the Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois, and are being distributed by the commission having the celebration in charge.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 1, 1918.

Commissioner of Education,
Interior Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In response to your inquiry of October 28th concerning possible instructors for classes proposed to be held for Government employees, I take pleasure in reporting as below under the headings as numbered by you:

(1) Mr. Francesco Ventresca. (Native of Italy).

(2) Translator, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, 15th & Pennsylvania Ave., Room 170½.

(3) Bachelor of Science, Valpariso University, Indiana. Bachelor of Philosophy and Master of Philosophy, University of Chicago.

(4) Professor of Spanish, French and Italian, Universtiy of Valparaiso, Ind., 1905-1908. Professor of Modern Languages, State College of Washington, Pullman, Wash., 1910-1914.

(5) Language, Conversation, Literature; in Italian, Spanish or French. Lectures combined with instruction.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 2, 1918.

Hon. Miles Poindexter,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Poindexter:

Replying to your letter of October 31st, I beg to advise you that the law to which Mr. L. Vincent of Ellensburg, Washington, refers, is that approved April 23, 1918, which covers the melting of silver dollars for export and other uses.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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November 2, 1918.

Mr. G. Davis Buckner,
University of Kentucky,
Lexington, Ky.

Sir:

I have your letter of October 31st relative to the disappearance from your laboratory of certain platinum utensils.

All of the deposits of platinum being received by the Government are treated at the New York Assay Office. Your letter has been forwarded to the Superintendent of that institution and he will be very glad to cooperate with you in identifying these utensils, in case they are received at the New York Assay Office in such condition as to be recognizable.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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November 2, 1918.

Mrs. E. H. Robinson,
North Anson,
Maine.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of October 31st, I beg to advise you that the institutions of the Mint service cannot use the brass utensils you describe. I would suggest that you address one of your local chapters of the Red Cross as the material might be utilized in some way through the Red Cross Society.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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November 2, 1918.

The Assistant Secretary,
Bank of Nicaragua,
38 Pine Street, New York.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo calling attention to the alloy of the 1-centavo piece. I have to-day written to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia requesting him to review his estimate of the amount of copper required, basing the same upon the piece containing 94-3/4% copper, 4% tin and 1¼% zinc. Upon receiving his figures I will advise you.

The Superintendent has forwarded to this Office your letter to him of October 31st. Formal authority will be given the Superintendent by this Bureau to proceed with the coinage as early as practicable, when the matter of the alloy, and the exact amount of copper required is fully understood mutually.

I will take pleasure in addressing you further with the least possible delay.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 4, 1918.

Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to the proposed equipment which is to be prepared at the Mint at Philadelphia for the Mint at Manila and to the estimate already submitted by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint as to the cost of such equipment, I beg to state that when the original estimate was submitted, the Superintendent based the amount upon paying the machinists at the rate of $5.25 per day. Upon being advised by the Treasurer of the Philippine Islands that the United States Employment Bureau could supply 12 machinists at not less than $6.00 per day, this Bureau requested a revision of the original estimate on the part of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia based upon the increased compensation for the men to be supplied by the United States Employment Bureau and the additional amount he will be obliged to pay his own machinists who are to be put to work upon fulfilling this contract at the Mint, in addition to those supplied by the United States Employment Bureau. The revised estimate is now as follows:

One rotary annealing furnace, with motor.....	$ 1,700.00
" coin reviewing machine " "	1,200.00
" upsetting machine " "	1,200.00
" coin drying machine " "	1,200.00
" ingot topping machine " "	1,400.00
" tumbling barrel " "	800.00
" 1000 lb. electric hoist.....	700.00
Three gas melting furnaces.....	1,000.00
Six sets of ingot moulds.....	400.00
One #6 pressure blower and motor.....	700.00
Two automatic coin feeders for all denominations.	1,000.00
Minor accessories in coining room.....	1,000.00
" " " melting room.....	1,100.00
" " " annealing room.....	1,100.00
" " " mechanical department.....	1,200.00
	$15,700.00

10 men at present employed at approximately $5.25 (which includes the extra compensation now allowed by the Government to be increased to $6.00 per diem..... $7.50

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Brought forward	$ 7.50
12 machinists, to be supplies by the United States Employment Bureau at 75¢ in excess of the $5.25 already estimated.....	9.00
Daily increase.....	$16.50

Daily increase of $16.50 for a period of 200 days $3,300

The total cost, therefore, for furnishing the desired equipment for the Philippine Mint would be

New machinery and appliances, including labor....	$37,200.00
Additional miscellaneous equipment.....	15,700.00
Total.....	$52,900.00

A period of eight months, from date of the approval and receipt of this order, would be required to complete the equipment.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
November 5, 1918.

Hon. R. T. Baker
Reno, Nevada.

Have instructed chief clerk Carson to deposit Mr. Ryan's balances close business fourth and to wire Bureau when funds will be placed to her credit as acting assayer in charge.

O'Reilly

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1919.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
2—5726

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November 5, 1918.

Mr. H. N. Lawrie,
Chairman Oregon Bureau
of Mines & Geology Commission,
Portland, Oregon.

Sir:

In response to your letter of September 12th, I am enclosing herewith a statement showing the gold monetary stock of the United States as of June 30, 1918, and several years prior thereto.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 6, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith receipt of the American Smelters Security Company, (Selby Works) dated October 29, 1918, covering the refining of 500,000 standard silver dollars as per bill of October 8, 1918, amounting to $5,236.30.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Nov. 6, 1918.

Mr. Thomas Sinusher,
Box # 124,
Spray,
North Carolina.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the article forwarded by you in your letter of November 4th, and regret to advise you that we cannot handle it as a deposit in the mint.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 6, 1916.

Mr. J. W. Johnson,
c/o G. Amsinck & Co. Inc.,
90-96 Wall Street,
New York City.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 2nd, relative to an electrolytic refining plant for refining gold and silver. Your inquiry has been placed in line for reply and as soon as sufficient data has been obtained, I will take pleasure in advising you further.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 6, 1918.

Mr. Wm. F. Baumann,
1521 Madison St.,
La Crosse, Wis.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the package forwarded by express said to contain one gold button in accordance with the advice in your letter of November 2nd with which you forwarded a memorandum of gold bullion deposited at the United States Assay Office, Boise, 1916.

I am returning the deposit and regret to advise you that there is no place in Washington where the government can handle such material. I would suggest that you forward this deposit to the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado. The package is returned unopened.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 6, 1918.

The National Bank of Nicaragua,
56 Pine Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of October 31st and my reply thereto on November 2nd, I beg to state that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has advised this office that the amount of copper necessary for the coinage of 750,000 one-centavo pieces for the Government of Nicaragua based on the alloy of 94-3/4% copper, 4% tin and 1¼% zinc, is 6,267 pounds, as you estimated.

The Superintendent has today been formally instructed to proceed with the preparation of this coinage at the earliest practicable date.

The pressure for domestic coinage at this time of the year may possibly somewhat delay the execution of this order, but no time will be lost unnecessarily in supplying the finished coins for shipment.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Nov. 7, 1918.

Hon. Milton Kraus,
House of Representatives U. S.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Kraus:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 2nd, requesting that certain information be forwarded to Mr. M. L. Gibson, 2111 North St., Logansport, Indiana. I have taken pleasure in forwarding to Mr. Gibson, a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1917, the last issued which gives the coinage from the establishment of our Mint.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 8, 1918.

Mr. Ogden Gaul,
1866 Penrose Ave.,
East Cleveland,
Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 3rd, I beg to advise you that the Illinois Centennial Half Dollar issued in commemoration of the one hundreth anniversary of the entrance of the State of Illinois into the Union, is for sale by the Secretary of State, State of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois.

The Treasury has not handled these dollars beyond their manufacture.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.S. I am enclosing the money forwarded with your letter.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 9, 1918.

Mr. O. Austin,
Statistician,
The National City Bank of New York,
New York City.

Sir:

Will you please forward to this Bureau a copy of your report on the Foreign Trade Record; Principal Imports Into the Port of New York During Month of September 1918, and also Imports and Exports of Merchandise at the Port of New York During the Months of September 1917 and September 1918, issued by you under date of November 4, 1918.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 9, 1918.

Mr. O. H. Funsten,
113 Main Street,
Richmond, Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 7th, I beg to advise you that the United States Assay Office at New York will receive deposits of gold and silver in quantities approximating $100.00 in value and over, and pay for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Nominal charges are deducted from the value of the deposit for determining the value of the same by melt and assay.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

C-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 9, 1918.

Third Assistant Postmaster General,
Post Office Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint for manufacture of stamped envelope dies, in the sum of $360.40.

Please deposit the above amount to the credit of the following appropriations:

Wages of workmen, Mint at Philadelphia	1919.....	$324.00
Contingent expense, do	1919.....	36.40
Total.....		$360.40

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 9, 1918.

Auditor for the Treasury Department,
Graham Building,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith original contracts between the New York Telephone Company and the United States Assay Office at New York, for the fiscal year 1919, duly approved.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
C-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 9, 1918.

Phya Prabha Karavongsee,
Envoy extraordinary & Minister Plenipotentiary,
The Siamese Legation,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In response to your request by telephone, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith specimens of the coins recently executed at the Mint at Philadelphia for your Government.

Respectfully,

M. M. Gage

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 9, 1918.

The Central National Bank of Tulsa,
Tulsa,
Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November 4th relative to deposits of platinum which you agree to receive for the Government, I beg to advise you that the War Industries Board has issued regulations covering the amount to be paid, etc.

The platinum is paid for at the rate of $105. per ounce, and the material should be forwarded to the New York Assay Office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 9, 1918.

Williams, Brown & Earle, Inc.,
918 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Please render account on the enclosed form of voucher for the filter paper which you forwarded to this Bureau on November 2nd.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 9, 1918.

Mr. T. Van Metre,
Division of Operations,
U. S. Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Inc.
18 Broadway, N. Y. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 8th, I beg to advise you that deposits of gold are received at the United States Mints and Assay Office, and payment made for the same after the value has been determined by melt and assay. Payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States; no further delay than that required to carry out the process of melting and refining is experienced by the depositor.

The amount of time required depends upon the quality and quantity of the bullion.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 9, 1918.

Mr. Charles P. Archibald,
British War Mission,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your inquiry of some weeks ago relative to automatic weighing machines for the Indian Mint, I beg to say that we have in process of manufacture one 10-balance automatic weighing machine which is about 60% completed and will require about 4 months to finish. This machine can be spared if you desire to consider the purchase of it.

Owing to the increased amount of work in the machine shop of the Mint at Philadelphia, we cannot undertake to manufacture other automatic weighing machines in less than 16 months.

Sometime ago inquiry was made of outside manufacturers as to whether they would undertake to build automatic weighing machines for the Mint and it was found that they would not care to go to the expense for patterns and equipment necessary for the manufacture of such limited numbers.

The price of the machine now under construction at the Philadelphia Mint, if it were released to you, would be $5,000.00.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 9, 1918.

Mr. E. S. Bennett,
Universal Rotary Pump Company, Inc.
52 New Street,
New York City.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 6th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury in regard to his recent appointment of a committee to study gold production. Replying, I beg to advise you that the Director of the Mint, to whom your letter has been referred, is absent from the city at the present time and upon his return your letter will be called to his attention.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Q-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 9, 1918.

United States Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of November 2nd, stating that before taking action on the department's request of October 23rd for authority to retain the services of James E. Hall as a special guard in the Denver Mint and that form 375 be executed by him, I beg to advise you that the form was not enclosed in your letter.

Number of the enclosure - 5089; initials of your letter B-M.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 12, 1917.

Mr. Joseph A. Fitzsimmons,
1558 E. 2nd Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of November 6th addressed to the Treasury Department has been delivered to this Bureau. Replying, I beg to advise you that it would be necessary for the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office to address a letter to the Director of the Mint, stating that he recommends that you be authorized to take a Civil Service Examination based upon the terms of the order dated April 2, 1917.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 12, 1918.

Mr. H. C. Miller,
Ashland, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 8th, I beg to advise you that no gold coin was executed at any of the Mints during the year 1918. Coins are paid out by the Mints on the order of the United States Treasurer to Bank and Sub-Treasuries.

I would suggest that you address your local bank for specimens of the current coins which are as follows:

50¢, 25¢ and 10¢ silver pieces
5¢ nickel piece
1¢ bronze "

Respectfully,

A. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

C-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Nov. 12, 1918.

Mr. Edwin D. Wolfe,
714 Kohl Building,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In response to your inquiry of November 4th, I am enclosing herewith the printer's proof sheet of the estimate of the Director of the Mint covering "World production of gold and silver during the calendar years 1916 and 1917". This sheet is incomplete in many details, but the figures so far as given are correct and may meet your requirements. The missing figures will be supplied in the Report of the Director of the Mint when it is finally published.

Concerning the World's Monetary Stock of Gold and Silver, I have to advise that the world war has prevented the collection of the statistics covering this matter during recent years, and no reliable data are available, however, the World's Monetary Stock of Gold has been estimated roughly to be approximately nine billion dollars.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

M-1

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 18, 1919.

Mr. Charles Goetzenberger,
Hay-Cook, Alaska.

Sir:

Your letter of August 22nd regarding samples to be tested for platinum, was delivered to this office but the samples have not arrived. If you will forward some of the pannings in a letter I will be glad to have them tested for platinum. It is not necessary to send samples of the rock.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 13, 1918.

First National Bank,
Milton, Florida.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November 1st, I beg to advise you that the United States Assay Office at New York has been designated the Government agency to receive platinum deposits. The platinum is prepared for the Ordnance Department of the War Department and paid for at the rate of $105. an ounce.

Charges which are nominal in amount are deducted from the value of the deposit. No special form of receipt has been prepared to be issued by the banks.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 13, 1918.

Fallkill National Bank,
Poughkeepsie, New York.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November 12th, I beg to advise you that the United States Assay Office at New York is treating platinum, which is being purchased by the Ordnance Department of the War Department at the rate of $105. an ounce for fine platinum, $135 an ounce for palladium and $175 an ounce for irridium.

The New York Assay Office does not handle tungsten.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 15, 1918.

Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith an account against the Government of the Philippine Islands in the sum of $1,141.34, covering the cost of nickel metal consumed in the manufacture of 5-centavo pieces shipped to Manila on the 4th instant.

Will you please have the amount of this account deposited to the credit of the Minor Coinage Metal Fund Depository Account, as per certificate of deposit enclosed.

Respectfully,

[illegible]

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 14, 1913.

Mr. C. Delsberg, Chief,
Bureau of Chemistry,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York, has today forwarded to this Bureau your letter of October 21st asking if that office was in a position to have crude silver refined and made into crucibles. I take pleasure in advising you that the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York, has been authorized to make the necessary exchange of an equivalent amount of silver to refine the same and manufacture the crucibles that you require.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 14, 1918.

Mr. T. L. Elder,
32 E. 23rd Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 13th, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith monthly statements of the coinage executed at the various mints, from January to the end of October.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 14, 1918.

Western Union Telegraph Co.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith an account with request that copy of this telegram accompany the same in order that it may be determined whether this telegram was a government or private message.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
C-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 15, 1916.

Hon. W. R. Hawley,
House of Representatives, U. S.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Hawley:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 14 th, asking that a copy of the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals of the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia", be forwarded to the Medford Public Library Association, Medford, Oregon. Replying I regret to advise you that we have no copies of this book for distribution. It is a volume consisting of about 600 pages and is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, at $1.00 a copy.

Respectfully,

D M McReilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

November 16, 1918.

Mr. William A. Burns,
Reno, Nevada.

Have just approved Senator Pittman's and Senator Henderson's recommendation. Will expedite soon as possible.

Baker
Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
2—5703 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 212a.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 16, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith please find voucher for $29,874.84 covering charges on shipment of silver bullion on November 6th, from Philadelphia to San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Q-L
Encl.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 16, 1918.

Mr. Richard Cutter,
Renton Heel Company,
63 Allerton Street,
Lynn, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 14th, I beg to advise you that the Government has been paying $105. an ounce for platinum. We have withdrawn the request made to the public for deposits of this metal as the immediate needs of the Government have been met.

I am sorry that I am unable to advise you as to the highest price at which platinum has ever sold.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 16, 1918.

Mrs. Eva Willis,
Canadian,
Texas.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of September 30th making inquiry as to the purchase of platinum, I beg to advise you that the needs of the government for this precious metal have been quite fully met and for the time being we will therefore be unable to accept further deposits of the same.

In reply to your inquiry as to the purchase of silverware and jewelry, I beg to advise you that deposits of the same in quantities approximating $100. in value and over may be sent to the United States Assay Office at New York.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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November 18, 1918.

Never sent

Chief of Ordnance,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Never

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith an account of the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York, amounting to $1,818.87 for refining 3,637.732 fine ounces of Russian grains.

In payment of this account please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the appropriations of the United States Assay Office at New York for the fiscal year 1919 as follows:

Wages of workmen.....	$ 181.89
Contingent expenses.....	1636.98
Total.....	$1818.87

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
C-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 18, 1918.

United States Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your letter of November 2nd, I am enclosing herewith form 375 executed by James E. Hall as a special guard in the Denver Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O.L.
Encl.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 19, 1918.

American University Experiment Station,
Chemical War Service,
National Army,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find bill of the United States Assay Office at New York for reimbursement of their expense in drawing platinum wire.

Please cause the amount of the bill, $45.75, to be reimbursed to the following appropriations:

Wages of workmen, Assay Office at New York	1919 -	$35.00
Contingent expenses, do	1919 -	10.75
Total.....		$45.75

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint

F-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 19, 1918.

L. H. Schafer & Company,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November 15th, I beg to advise you that the restrictions on the domestic use of gold and silver in the industrial arts have been removed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 19, 1918.

Mrs. F. Bitsh,
34 Moeller st.,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Madam:

I beg to return herewith the coin enclosed in your letter of recent date, as it is a foreign coin and not redeemable by the United States.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 19, 1918.

Mr. A. E. Bonnell,
Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 16th, I beg to advise you that the restrictions placed upon the issue of gold bars for the industrial arts have been removed and it is now possible for dentists to procure the usual amount of gold from their regular agencies.

There is no law which prohibits the total destruction of gold coin, the penal code covering only attempt to reduce the weight of gold coin by fraudulent means and replace it in circulation at its face value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 19, 1918.

Honorable Burton L. French,
House of Representatives, U. S.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman French:

I have your letter of November 15th in behalf of Mr. Sam'l L. Newton who desires re-instatement in the United States Assay Office at Boise.

Mr. Newton resigned from his position December 14, 1912, and is not therefore eligible for re-instatement his period of eligibility having expired two years after the date of his resignation.

It would be necessary for Mr. Newton to take the Civil Service Examination to enter the classified service.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 19, 1918.

Washington Gas Light Co.,
417-10th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your bill for gas consumed by the Mint Laboratory during the month of October and to the increased charge for same at the rate of 90¢ instead of 70¢ heretofore charged, I beg to request that you forward copy of authority for the increased charge to accompany the voucher.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 19, 1918.

The Auditor for the Treasury Dept.
Graham Building,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 18th, copy attached hereto, I beg to advise that the revision by the Pullman Company of the bill in question is based on the fact that the travelers were each entitled to one lower berth from San Francisco to Denver by the most direct route, and on the claim of the travelers that the difference between the cost by direct route and by the road traveled was paid to the company in cash at the time the accomodations were purchased. The cost for lower berth between San Francisco and Denver by direct route at the time these accomodations were furnished, was $9.00 and it is presumed that the difference between the amount of the revised charge $8.70, and the regular charge for lower berth is due to the fact that upper berth was furnished for part of the distance traveled.

As is well known it is not always possible on a long trip to obtain the accomodations called for by a transportation request surrendered at the beginning of a trip.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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of the Director of the Mint

Contingent Expense, Office of the Director of the Mint, 1919

Edward Thompson Co.,

Northport, L. Id., New York

November 30 8.

Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Dept.

Federal Statutes, Annotated Pamphlet
Supplement, Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive
(1915) and Numbers 7 to 12
inclusive (1916-1917)

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 20, 1918.

Mr. H. A. Lawrie, Chairman,
Bureau of Mines & Geology Commission,
Portland, Oregon.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 13th inst. concerning gold stock, I take pleasure in making the following explanation.

Gold, whether domestic product or imported material, is not considered a part of the monetary stock of the United States until it comes into the possession of the government. Such stock includes all stamped U. S. coin not known to have been melted for recoinage, exported, or extimated to have been used in the arts, but only such bullion as is owned by the United States (in Mints and Assay Offices).

Such gold bullion and foreign coin as may be owned by producers or may have been acquired by banks, including Federal Reserve Banks, are not included in the monetary stocks of the United States as compiled and published from time to time.

It is therefore not possible to check the official stocks from year to year by considering production, imports and exports, and arts consumption.

Although the imports for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1918, totaled 124.4 million dollars and domestic production approximated 82 million, the deposits at mints and assay offices totaled 306.2 millions, a difference of nearly 100 millions.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1917 the net imports of gold were 685.3 millions, while the United States stock increased only 568.4 millions.

Trusting that this will clear up the matter for you, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 20, 1918.

Mr. M. Wallace,
3121 Harriet Avenue,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 15th, I beg to advise you that the weight of the copper cents of 1802, 1834 and 1850, according to the Act of January 26, 1796, is 168 grains of pure copper - no alloy required. A copy of the report for 1917 is being mailed to your address and you are referred to page 117, for other data respecting weight of United States coins.

The bronze cents coined during 1909 were of three varieties as follows:

	Coined at Philadelphia	Coined at San Francisco
The Indian Head.....	14,370,645 pieces	309,000 pieces
Lincoln head with the initial V.D.B.....	27,995,000 "	484,000 "
Lincoln head without the initial V.D.B.....72,702,618	"	1,825,000 "

The Denver Mint made no minor coins during 1909.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

AAH-RL

of the Director of the Mint

Contingent Expense, Office of the Director of the Mint, 1919

Mackall Bros. November 21 8.

823 H St. N.E. Washington, D.C.

Nitric Acid
441lb C. P., sp. gr. 1.42 in 7-pound bottles

10 bottles to the case 70 lbs..1675 11 73

11 73

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 23, 1918.

Chief of Ordnance,
Nitrate Division,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of the New York Assay Office in the sum of $150, for experimental work in connection with co-operative investigation of platinum.

Please cause the amount of the bill to be reimbursed to the appropriation "Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at New York 1919".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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F-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 23, 1918.

Auditor for the Post Office Dept.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The following is a copy of a letter received from you carrying date of April 25, 1918:

April 25, 1918.

The Treasurer of the United States,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The balance due on account embossed stamped envelope dies furnished by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., for the Post Office Dept. has been certified for payment and a warrant for $1,721.70, will be forwarded by the Third Assistant Postmaster General.

Respectfully,
Signed: Chas. A. Kram
Auditor for the Post Office Dept.

As the certificate of deposit has apparently not issued covering the warrant in question, I beg to request that you advise me as to the present status of the matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F.-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 23, 1918.

Mr. E. C. Airy,
3 Rector Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Will you kindly forward me a copy of the Local and Joint Schedule of First and Second Class Express Rate, in effect at the present time together with any revisions since the issue of Schedule #2, effective September 1, 1915.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint,

F.L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Nov. 25, 1918.

Mr. W. Small,
P. O. Box 1666,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

I have your letter of November 20th and regret to advise that the Government has no means with which to assist with the project you explained in your letter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

Nov. 25, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith the account of the American Railway Express Company for $17,960.54, covering charges on shipment of November 6th from New York to San Francisco consisting of silver bullion of the value of $2,302,633.55.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O.L.
Encl.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 25, 1918.

Mr. O. P. Austin, Statistician,
The National City Bank of New York,
New York City.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 18th, enclosing a copy of the weekly Foreign Trade Record dated November 4th. I am unable to reconcile the figures of totals on page one with the statement on page 2, giving the grand total of imports for the month of September. The total of recapitulation, column two, appears to be at variance with the grand total on page two. We have also found difficulty in tracing the totals in the recapitulation columns.

Will you kindly aid us in reconciling these figures.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 25, 1918.

Dr. C. E. Dellinger,
Westernport, Md.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 22nd, I beg to advise you that the governmental demand for platinum in the making of explosives, etc., has been decreased by the curtailed war program. It is, therefore, unnecessary to make further purchases at this time.

With appreciation of your response to the appeal of the Government for this precious metal, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O L

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November 25, 1919.

Hon. David Baird,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Baird:

I have your letter of November 21st, in reference to Capt. Stanley's suggestion that a coin bearing the date of the signing of the Peace Treaty be executed. I have today advised Capt. Stanley that an act of Congress would be required to permit the issue of a piece such as he describes.

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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November 25, 1918.

Dear Mr. Brush:

I returned within a few days from a trip to the west and have had your letter of the 15th called to my attention.

With reference to the Philippine coinage, the intrinsic value at a dollar an ounce of the present Philippine peso is .5144.

I am not aware of any action having been taken by the Bureau of Insular Affairs in regard to the adjustment of Philippine coinage, but plans are being made for the installation of the Mint at Manila, and it may be that reduction of the weight or fineness of the Philippine coin is under contemplation.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

Mr. Edward Brush, Vice President,
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway, New York City.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 25, 1918.

Mr. Bruce Evans,
R. F. D. #5,
Brookville, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of recent date has been received and forwarded to the United States Geological Survey, Interior Department, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 25, 1918.

The Consolidated National Bank,
Tucson, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of November 15th, stating that you are shipping, charges prepaid, 5-13/16 ounces of gold dust. Your letter is addressed to the "United States Mint, Washington, D. C."

No package has been received and we are enclosing the letter assuming that it was sent here by mistake, probably intended for San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 25, 1918.

Mr. F. E. Sabin,
40 Morningside Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 19th, I beg to advise you that we have no cuts of the coins with which we can provide you for the work you describe. The law prohibits the re-production of the designs of the coins, except in specific cases and for special purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 25, 1918.

Hon. Wm. A. Ashbrook,
House of Representatives U. S.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Ashbrook:

I have your letter of November 21st, in behalf of Mr. McCracken of Johnstown, Ohio, and beg to state that I shall take pleasure in placing his name on the list of those to be considered when the time for appointments upon the Assay Commission is taken up with the Secretary for submission to the President.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 25, 1918.

Miss Irene Fensom,
806 Chamberlayne Ave.,
Richmond, Va.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 20th stating that you have a plain gold ring of which you wish to dispose, I beg to adivse you that the Mints do not receive deposits of gold in quantities which do not approximate $100 in value. The charge we would be required to impose for treating the ring, would absorb much of its value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 25, 1918.

Dr. A. C. Tidd,
903-4 Mahoning Bank Bldg.,
Youngstown, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 18th, I beg to advise you that the Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia, is for sale by the Government Printing Office at $1.00 a copy.

I regret that we have no copies for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 25, 1918.

Mr. J. L. McNeil, President,
The Durango Trust Company,
Durango, Colorado.

Dear Mr. McNeil:

I have your letter of November 18th, relative to an appointment on the Assay Commission.

The names are usually sent to the President sometime during January and I shall take pleasure in placing your name on the list of those to be submitted to the Secretary for his consideration.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 25, 1918.

Capt. Arthur Stanley,
423 Benson Street,
Camden, New Jersey.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from Hon. David Baird, United States Senator, enclosing your letter suggesting a coin be struck bearing the date of the signing of the Peace Treaty, and beg to advise you that an Act of Congress would be required to permit the issue of a coin such as you describe.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 26, 1918.

My dear Mr. Barclay:

Referring to my letter to you of the 26th ultimo extending the time of the return by your Government of approximately 8,000,000 fine ounces of silver under the terms of Lord Reading's letters to me of March 7, and April 18 last, this will serve as the notice referred to in my letter for the return to me at the San Francisco Mint on the 16th of December of approximately 772,000 fine ounces of silver being part of the approximately 8,000,000 ounces referred to. The silver so to be returned is the amount of the fine silver content after melting of the bullion resulting from melting at the San Francisco Mint 1,000,000 standard silver dollars, I understand that arrangements have been made between the Secretary of the Treasury and your Government whereby your Government will purchase the above mentioned bullion under the terms of Lord Reading's letter of May 28 last, for the purpose of making such return in accordance with this notice.

I am, my dear Mr. Barclay,

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

Colville Barclay, Esq.,
Charge d'Affaires
British Embassy
Washington, D. C.

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November 26, 1918.

Mr. G. B. Roorbach,
1023 Munsey Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

It is noted from the New York Journal of Commerce that a reclassification of commodities is being made for use in foreign trade statistics. As this office is interested in the statistics concerning gold and silver coin and bullion, I would be pleased to receive information concerning the details of the group in which these items appear, presumably item 66, precious metals and manufacturers of.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-1

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 26, 1918.

Washington Gas Light Company,
411-10th Street N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your reply dated Nov. 21st, to letter of this office concerning price of gas charged on your bill for the month of October, I beg to advise that I have been unable to find, after inquiry of the Comptroller of the Treasury any authority for the payment by the Government of any price in excess of 70¢ per thousand cubic feet, as provided by Act of Sept. 1, 1916, (39 statutes 715).

Your bill for the month of October for 6400 cubic feet of gas consumed by the Mint Laboratory has, therefore, been approved for payment at the rate of 70¢ per thousand cubic feet, a total of $4.48.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 27, 1918.

Mr. H. C. Ezekiel,
311 First National Bank Bldg.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of November 22nd, I am unable to advise you of the dates upon the coins that are being melted for bullion purposes.

The Government does not keep the silver coins seggregated by years.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 27, 1918.

Miss Maud C. Bermeda,
2817 Chestnut Street,
New Orleans, La.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 21st, I beg to advise you that the practice of paying out gold coins has been discontinued for the present.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 27, 1918.

Mr. P. B. Hill,
Little Rock,
Arkansas.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the money order enclosed in your letter of the 23th, and beg to advise that the issue of proof coins has been discontinued.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 27, 1918.

Hon. Charles B. Smith,
House of Representatives U. S.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Smith:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst., addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and later referred to this Bureau. As you are aware the coinage of a 2½ cent piece would require the authority of Congress.

Mr. Stafford's letter which you enclose has been placed on file with other letters of a similar character and will be referred to with pleasure should legislation bearing on this subject be undertaken.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 29, 1918.

Universal Battery Company,
3410-24 South La Salle St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of November 23rd addressed to "Assayers Office, Washington, D. C., has been delivered to this Bureau. I regret that we have no information covering the inquiry made in your letter relative to treatment of wood used for freeing the sameof acetic acid.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-B

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 29, 1918.

Auditor for the Treasury Department,
Graham Building,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith contracts covering the fire alarm and night watch signal service contract together with the burglar alarm service contract for the United States Mint at New Orleans. The contracts have been duly approved.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

G-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 29, 1918.

Mr. J. H. Case, Deputy Governor,
Federal Reserve Bank of New York,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of November 25th, concerning the assay office charge for gold bars suitable for export, for use in connection with the stabilization of exchange with Peru, beg to advise that there is no expectation of revising the present schedule of charges on bars.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 29, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith receipts from the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco for check #87, drawn on the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in the sum of $15.59, covering the expenses of Mr. Seaver in witnessing the destruction of silver dollars.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 30, 1916.

Mr. Will Maker,
Dutch Flat,
California.

Sir:

I am returning the tea pot forwarded by you and beg to advise that it cannot be made use of by the government for coinage purposes. The Government is not now in the market for platinum. Should the tea pot contain that metal we would not be able to purchase it from you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 30, 1918.

Bloom Bros.
66 Beaver Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November 29th relative to proposed coinage for the Republic of Salvador, I beg to state that it would be impossible for the Mint to undertake this coinage until sometime late in January or early in February.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 30, 1918.

Mr. J. W. Johnson,
c/o G. Amsinck & Co. Inc.,
90-96 Wall Street,
New York City.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of November 27th, I beg to advise you that I am today following up the inquiry which this office has made in regard to the electrolytic refinery and we will expedite the inquiry to you as much as possible.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 30, 1918.

Great Western Iron & Metal Co.,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November 26th, I am not aware that any of the institutions of the Mint Service are in need of an Elspass Mill.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 30, 1918.

Mr. L. O. Kunze,
Harrisonville, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 24th, I beg to advise you that the United States Assay Office at New York will receive deposits of old silver in the form of scrap, etc., in quantities approximating $100 in value and over, and make payment for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States. Nominal charges are deducted from the value of the deposit for determining the value of the same by melt and assay.

Silver is paid for at the rate of $1.00 per ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-E

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 30, 1918.

Mr. S. A. McDearmon,
Benton Harbor,
Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 25th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, submitting a design for a coin, I beg to advise you that an act of Congress would be required to issue coins of any designs other than those now in circulation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 30, 1918.

Mrs. L. H. Norris,
P.O. Box 207,
Cairo, Ga.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 27th, I beg to advise you that the Mints and Assay Offices do not receive deposits of old gold or silver which do not approximate in value $100.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

November 30, 1918.

Mr. E. Southmayd,
McIntosh, Minn.

Sir:

Your letter of November 19th addressed to the "United States Treasury", Washington, has been referred to this Bureau.

The medal which you state was enclosed in your letter was not found in the envelope.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 2, 1918.

American Railway Express,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith checks from the British Government, through Handy & Harman, drawn for $29,374.84 and $17,960.54 covering Express charges on bullion shipped November 8th from Philadelphia to San Francisco, and from New York to San Francisco.

Please receipt and return to this Bureau the attached vouchers.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 2, 1918.

Mr. J. L. Bowie,
Birmingham,
Alabama.

Sir:

Replying to your note on letter of the Comptroller of the Currency, dated November 23, 1918, concerning world stock of gold and silver, which matter has been referred to this office, I beg to advise that the estimate of $9,000,000,000 as the approximate world's stock of gold (not gold and silver) is a rough estimate based on general conditions and that no compilation has been made of the stocks of the various countries in connection with same. This is due to the fact that the war has made it practically impossible to secure the data from many countries.

The latest mint compilation is for the years 1914 and 1915, to which you are referred (see pages 219 and 220 of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1918, copy being forwarded under separate cover).

Relative to the stock of gold and silver in the United States, I am forwarding herewith copy of the Circulation Statement of November 1, 1918, the first three figures in first column making up amount carried in your letter, $3,745,000,000.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 2, 1918.

H. A. Heath, Chairman,
Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

Replying to your letter of November 26, 1918, I have to advise that the most recent compilation of monetary stocks of the various countries of the world is for the years 1914 and 1915, published in the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916, pages 219 and 220. Tables covering the world's production of gold are published annually in the Report of the Director of the Mint. Such reports for the years 1916, 1917 and 1918 are being forwarded you under separate cover, carrying pencil page references on the leaf of each to tables which will probably give the information sought in your letter.

The conditions incident to the war have made it practically impossible to procure reliable data concerning the world's monetary stocks and no figures for recent years are available concerning same.

A rough estimate, not based on compilation, of nine billion dollars as the world's monetary gold stock in 1918, has been made.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 5, 1918.

Optical Co.
Eighteenth St. West
Seventh, Georgia.

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 28th, advising of the shipment of two packages of 12 scrap. The packages have been received and delivered to the United States Assay Office for assay. The superintendent of that institution will report to you for the value.

There is no institution in Washington where this scrap can be handled for the public, by the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 3, 1918.

Messrs.
Washington-Idaho Water,
Light & Power Company,
Lewiston, Idaho.

The governmental demand for platinum in the manufacture of explosives, etc., has been decreased by the ending of the war progress. It is, therefore, unnecessary to make further purchases at this time.

With appreciation of your response to the appeal of the Government for this precious metal, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 3, 1918.

[illegible] Company,
[illegible] Street,
[illegible] City.

[illegible] find formal voucher covering volume [illegible] Industry, furnished this office. Please [illegible] at the place indicated in the margin by a [illegible] return to this office, after which the bill will [illegible] line for settlement.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 3, 1918.

G. Wallace,
[illegible] Harriet Avenue,
Minneapolis, Minn.

In reply to your inquiry of November 27th, I [illegible] state that the early records do not show the amount [illegible] made at Philadelphia Mint during each year for [illegible] 1794 and 1795; during 1813 there were struck 418,000 [illegible] pieces.

During 1894 the San Francisco Mint struck only [illegible] in 1895, however, 1,120,000 pieces of this denomination were struck.

Report for the fiscal year 1901, which is being forwarded you under separate cover, contains the coinage of each Mint from its organization.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 4, 1918.

Mr. Geo. Appe,
405 S Franklin Street,
Titusville, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 30th, I beg to advise you that there is no instrument known to science that will discover buried treasure.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 4, 1918.

Private I. Sohbil,
830 North Street.
Rochester, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 2nd, I beg to advise you that all appointments in the Mint Service are subject to Civil Service Examination. At present there are no vacancies.

In regard to possible future examinations, I would suggest that you inquire of the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 4, 1918.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith voucher for $23,893.50, covering charges on shipment of silver bullion of November 19th from Philadelphia to San Francisco, consisting of the value of $3,091,008.27. Kindly place same in line for liquidation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L.
Encl.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 5, 1918.

Mrs. E. A. Thicker,
Frankford, Missouri.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 30th, I beg to advise you that the United States Assay Office at New York will receive deposits of silver in quantities approximating $100 in value and over, and make payment for same by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Nominal charges are deducted from the value of the deposit for determing its value by melt and assay. Silver is paid for at the rate of $1.00 per ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Q-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 5, 1918.

G. Amsinck & Co.,
90-96 Wall Street,
New York City.

Att: Mr. J. W. Johnson.

Gentlemen:

Referring to previous correspondence in regard to the cost of installation of electrolytic refining plant, I beg to submit the following.

The cost of the installation of electrolytic refining plant contemplated by the Colombian Government, with a daily output of 12 kilograms of fine gold and 180 kilograms of fine silver, the following is the outline of the plant assuming that the metal to be refined is of a similar nature to that received and treated at this Office -- that is, that it can be made up into an alloy of 350 parts gold, 500 parts silver and 150 parts base metal. This output could be accomplished with an equipment of 10 silver cells connected in series and three gold cells connected in series; the two systems to be connected in series with a motor generator set having a capacity of 15 volts and 800 amperes. The following is the equipment that would be necessary to operate a plant of this kind cost of which can only be given approximately:

10 earthenware tanks 23"x39"x23", 1¼" thick to be used as silver cells.....$400

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Carried fwd.	$ 400
10 additional tanks same dimensions and material to be used for precipitation purposes of silver solutions.....	400
3 porcelain tanks 13"x18"x13" ¾" thick to be used as gold cells.....	150
10 porcelain jars 22"x20" in diameter, ¾" thick for handling of foul gold solutions and recovery of by-products.....	400
4 fuel oil furnaces.....	800
Hard rubber rods for electrode supports and hard rubber pipe for circulation of electrolyte in both gold and silver cells.....	500
Air pump and motor for furnishing above circulation on both systems.....	200
Moulds and utensils for melting room.....	500
Trucks and miscellaneous equipment for handling various solutions.....	500
Laboratory equipment.....	1000
1 motor generator set, capacity 15 volts 800 amperes, for furnishing direct current with switchboard and necessary instruments and equipment.....	3000
Total.....	$7800

The above are the items most necessary for the required output and the prices are as near as can be ascertained at the present time f.o.b. New York.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

G.L.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 6, 1918.

General Welfare League,
1270 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your request of December 5th, I beg to advise you that your name has been placed on our mailing list for a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, as soon as the same is available.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O.L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 6, 1918.

American Railway Express Company,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith check for $23,893.50, covering charges on shipment of 3,775 bars from Philadelphia Mint to San Francisco, valued at $3,091,008.27.

Please return enclosed voucher duly receipted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encls.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 6, 1918.

Mr. F. S. Owells,
506 W. Morris St.,
Morrison, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December second, I beg to advise you that the franc is worth .193 in United States money.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 6, 1918.

Hon. Burton L. French,
House of Representatives U. S.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman French:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 5th relative to J. M. Robinson, a Clerk in the United States Assay Office at Boise. Mr. Robinson resigned his position and was separated from the service on June 30, 1918.

Mr. Robinson has made application for re-instatement to his former position as Chief Clerk of the Boise Office and is to resume his duties on December 10th.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 6, 1918.

Mr. Alex. R. Keltie, Manager,
John Hood Company,
178-79 Tremont Street,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 3rd, I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1918, which has this day been released.

This report contains all the data we have covering production of gold and its used in the arts.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 6, 1918.

Mr. W. Raymond,
Elba,
New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 2nd, I beg to advise you that the United States Assay Office at New York will received quantities of old gold and silver approximating in value $100 and over. Payment will be made by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after nominal charges are deducted for determining the value of the deposit by melt and assay.

Gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce and silver at the rate of $1.00 per ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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December 6, 1918

Director,
Bureau of Printing & Engraving,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint for manufacture of 200 silver plates, bill being accompanied by sub-vouchers.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the amount of the bill to the following appropriations.

Wages of workmen, Mint at Philadelphia 1919	$ 71.91
Contingent Expense, Mint at Philadelphia 1919	513.70
Total	$585.61

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

M-L
Encl.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 6, 1918.

Mr. E. H. Clarke,
Emoryville, W. Va.

Sir:

Your letter of December 4th together with package said to contain gold dust has been received. The package has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York, who will remit to you the value of the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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of the Director of the Mint

"Contingent Expense, U. S. Assay Office at New York 1919"

Underwood Typewriting Co. Inc.,

1413 New York Av. N.W. Wash. D.C.

United States Assay Office, New York, N. Y.

Underwood Standard Typewriter pica type, 16-inch writing line, for statement, etc., to replace old L.C.Smith typewriter No. 8693-3	1	1

Director of the Mint.

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December 9, 1918.

American Hard Rubber Company,
11 Mercer Street,
New York City.

Att: Credit Manager

Gentlemen:

Replying to your inquiry of the 6th inst. concerning your bill of August 30th, in amount $379.50, against the New York Assay Office, I have to advise this account was settled by the Auditor for the Treasury Department under date of November 27, 1918, settlement number 69930.

If you have not as yet received warrant covering this amount, inquiry should be made of the Treasurer of the United States, making reference to Auditor's settlement number and date.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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December 9, 1918.

Los Angeles & Salt Lake R.R. Co.,
Los Angeles,
California.

Gentlemen:

Bill mentioned in enclosure herewith was settled by the Auditor for the Treasury under date of November 9, 1918, settlement number 69397. If warrant has not been received covering same, further inquiry should be made of the Treasurer of the United States, making reference to settlement number and date.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 10, 1918.

The Valdor Dredging Co.,
1213 Hobart Building,
San Francisco, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of November 19th relative to deposit of platinum which was made by you at the Assay Office at New York, I beg to state that the matter was taken up with the War Industries Board, and the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office has received specific instructions from that board to make a determination of the osmiridium content of your deposit for iridium, and to make payment therefor at the rate of $175. per fine ounce.

The Superintendent is accordingly making this determination and upon its completion will forward the amended certificate to the Ordnance Department for payment of any difference between those findings and the findings of the original determination of the United States Assay Office at New York, which was made in accordance with the original instructions of the War Industries Board.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 10, 1918.

Mr. W. J. Curtis,
Piqua, Kentucky.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 6th, I beg to advise you that the manufacture of proof sets of coins has been discontinued.

The Illinois Centennial Half Dollar issued in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the entrance of the State of Illinois into the Union, is for sale by the Secretary of State, State of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 10, 1918.

M.D.&.H.L.Smith Co.,
Dalton,
Georgia.

Gentlemen:

Will you please advise this Bureau by return mail the rate at which you will deliver to the Mint at San Francisco, 50,000 bags for minor coins, described as follows:

> Bag to be 14½ inches long, 6½ inches wide, to be made of heavy, strong, ubleached sheeting, and to be sewed with a single row of stitching (lock-stitch) and thread for bag No. 1, well stayed to prevent raveling.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 10, 1918.

The International Co.,
311 Exchange Place,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of December 5th, I beg to advise that the Act of April 23, 1918, fixed the price of silver at $1.00 an ounce. This price is expected to be maintained for sometime to come.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 10, 1918.

Dr. Forry R. Getz,
560-5th Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 4th relative to the melting of gold coin for use in the arts, I beg to say that no regulations have been issued prohibiting the same. The act of September 24, 1918, does, however, give the President authority to issue such regulations if it is found necessary.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 10, 1918.

Mr. M. H. Baum,
321 Forest Road,
Roland Park, Md.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 7th, I beg to advise you that the governmental demand for platinum in the making of explosives, etc., has been decreased by the curtailed war program. It is, therefore, unnecessary to make further purchases at this time.

The United States Assay Office at New York will received deposits of old gold and silver in quantities approximating in value $100.00 and over make payment for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States after nominal charges for determining the value of the deposit by melt and assay have been deducted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 10, 1918.

Mr. C. D. Terry,
1706 Frick Building,
Pittsburg, Pa.

Sir:

In response to request contained in your letter of December 7th, I am enclosing a list of the medals executed at the Mint in Philadelphia and beg to advise you that we have no information as to the medals referred to in your letter which do not appear on this list.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 9, 1918.

Hon. Harry L. Gandy,
House of Representatives U. S.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Gandy:

In response to your request of December 5th, I have this day caused to be forwarded to Mr. J. E. Paddock, a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, for the fiscal year 1918, which gives him the information he requests.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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December 10, 1918.

E. Ansinck & Company, Inc.
90-96 Wall Street,
New York City, N.Y.

Att: Mr. J. W. Johnson

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of December 6th relative to the prices quoted to you on the cost of installing a refinery for the Government of Colombia, I beg to request that you confer personally with the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York in regard to the cost of this machinery.

The Superintendent has today been authorized to communicate with you directly, and I am sure he will be very glad to give you any possible assistance.

The Department has no one who can be sent to Colombia to supervise the installation of this refinery plant, in case it is decided to assemble it.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 11, 1918.

The Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco amounting to [illegible], covering the cost of manufacturing 14,800 pesos in one centavos, 19,000 pesos in five centavos and [illegible],000 pesos in ten centavos shipped December 4th to [illegible].

In settlement of this amount please cause payment to be made crediting the following appropriations for the support of the Mint at San Francisco 1919:

Wages of Workmen.....	$6360.00
Contingent Expenses.....	3180.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Encl.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 12, 1918.

Mr. J. E. Tucker,
143 W. 43rd Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 7th, I beg to advise you that a coinage mint was established at Charlotte, North Carolina in 1838. Coinage was suspended in that institution in 1861.

This was subsequently used as an Assay Office for receipt of bullion and was closed June 30, 1913.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 12, 1918.

The Third Asst. Postmaster General,
Post Office Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Inquiry of the office of the Treasurer of the United States elicits the information, informally, that Post Office Department warrant #913,203 drawn to the order of the Treasurer, April 25, 1918, for the sum of $1,721.70, on account of embossed stamped envelope dies furnished by the United States Mint at Philadelphia, has apparently not been paid. I have, therefore, to request that a duplicate warrant be issued covering same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 12, 1918.

Phelps Dodge Corporation,
99 John Street.
New York City.

Gentlemen:

With reference to letters of this office dated November 30, 1918, addressed to the Copper Queen Consolidated Mining Co. and the Detroit Copper Mining Co. at 99 John street, New York City, subsidiaries of your corporation, may I request that the information solicited in those letters, namely, quantities of gold and silver produced, be furnished for all branches of the Phelps Dodge Corporation.

Such information is needed as some concerns report receipts from the Phelps Dodge Corporation, without indicating the particular branch from which received.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 14, 1918.

[illegible] Smith Co.,
[illegible], Ga.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your [illegible] of December 12th offering to supply bags to [illegible] Francisco Mint in accordance with specifi- [illegible] contained in our letter of the 10th, at the [illegible] .05½ each.

A lower bid having been received, your offer [illegible] respectfully declined. Thanking you for the pro- [illegible] am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 14, 1918.

Miss B. Hill,
Little Rock,
Arkansas.

I am returning herewith the money order enclosed in your letter of November 30th and regret to advise you that we have not on hand in this office any coins for distribution to the public.

I would suggest that you request your bank to secure these coins for you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 13, 1918.

Commissioner of Patents,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I would thank you to supply, for the use of this office, copies of United States patents 1,278,178 and 9 issued to Russell Thayer, Philadelphia, Pa. on Oct. 15, 1918, for process of extracting platinum.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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of the Director of the Mint.

Contingent Expense, Mint at San Francisco 1919

J. Rose Collins, Dec. 14 8.

26 Beaver Street, N. Y. C.

United States Mint, San Francisco, Calif.

Bag to be 14½ inches long, 6½ inches wide, to be made of heavy, strong, unbleached sheeting, and to be sewed with a single row of stitching (lock-stitch) and thread for bar No. 1, well stayed to prevent raveling. Above price understood to include delivery.	50,000 1	.05	2500 00
			2500 00

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December 16, 1918.

Mr. E. L. Wagar,
Superintendent,
Melting and Refining Department,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the Mint at Denver as early as practicable in January for the purpose of examining conditions in the Refinery of that institution.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid, upon an account of the same being presented, from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver, 1919".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

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December 16, 1918.

Sloan Bros.
66 Beaver Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Referring further to your letter of December 9th relative to coinage for Salvador, I beg to submit the following:

	5¢ Nickel. Pcs.	Cost
For Coining	2,000,000	$4.00 per M. Pcs.
Boxes for Shipping	(About 200)	.90 each

Coinage costs include working dies. Metals required which must be furnished by the Government of Salvador, are as follows:

16,534.2858 Avd. Lbs. Elect. Copper ($9.90 Copper content
5,511.4286 " " Nickel (99.00 Nickel cobalt content

It is understood the alloy, tolerance, diameter and weight are to be as follows:

Alloy 75% Copper 25 % Nickel
Tolerance 2 Grains
Diameter 23 M.M.
Weight 5 Grams.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 16, 1918.

S. Applinck & Company,
90-96 Wall Street,
New York City.

Att: West Coast Dept.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of December 10th making inquiry as to cost of manufacturing certain coins for the Government of Ecuador, I beg to submit the following:

4,000,000 - 10 Centavo Pieces

Alloy	75% Copper & 25% Nickel
Size	24 Millimeters
Weight	5 grams each
Tolerance	2 Grains

Metal Required

33,068.5714 Av. Lbs. Elect. Copper (99.90 Copper Contents)

11,022.8571 " " Shot Nickel (99.00 Nickel Cobalt Contents)

Cost of Coinage per 1000 Pieces	$ 4.00
" " Master Dies & Hubs	400.00

12,000,000 - 5 Centavo Pieces

Alloy	75% Copper & 25% Nickel
Size	25 Millimeters
Weight	3 Grams each
Tolerance	2 Grains

Metal Required

59,523.4286 Av. Lbs. Elect. Copper (99.90 Copper Contents)

19,841.1429 " " Shot Nickel (99.00 Nickel Cobalt Contents)

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Cost of Coinage per 1000 Pieces	$ 4.00
" " Master Dies & Hubs	400.00

The above prices include cost of working dies only. The necessary metal to complete the entire coinage, viz.-92,592 Av. Lbs. of copper and 30,864 Av. Lbs. of nickel must be furnished by the Government of Ecuador and they must also stand the cost of packing for shipment.

It will take three months from receipt of the order to complete the manufacture of the dies, and the coins should be delivered shortly thereafter, but I cannot at this time, owing to heavy demands for domestic coinage and prior orders for foreign coins, fix a definite date of delivery.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 16, 1918.

Mrs. Magdelene Ammenhauser,
Lake and Wilkey Avenues,
Govanstown, Md.

Madam:

I am returning herewith the platinum forwarded in your package of December 1st. The governmental demand for platinum in the making of explosives, etc., has been decreased by the curtailed war program. It is, therefore, unnecessary to make further purchases at this time.

The vial containing gold scrap has been respectfully referred to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York who will remit to you for the value of the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 16, 1918.

Wells Fargo & Co,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith check for $1.55 covering your account for telegram concerning shipments of silver to Calcutta April 1918.

Please return receipts to this office for transmission to Handy & Harman.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 16, 1918.

Pvt. M. J. Cunberley,
Co. C, 12th Infantry,
Camp Hill,
Newport News, Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 12th, I beg to advise you that the coinage mints of the United States are San Francisco, Denver and Philadelphia.

The United States Mint at Carson and New Orleans are used as Assay Offices.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 17, 1918.

National City Bank,
(Foreign Exchange Dept.)
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I am forwarding herewith copy of our circular "Values of Foreign Coins" with my usual request for revision of the "remarks" column, giving more time for the work as requested in your letter LJB of September 27, 1918.

If you can return the revised circular so as to reach this office by the morning of the 28th inst. on which day it is to go to the printer, it will be much appreciated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Encl.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 17, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find voucher for $11,993.41 covering charges on shipment of November 20th from New York to San Francisco, consisting of silver bullion valued at $1,537,617.24.

Will you please place the same in line for payment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 17, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

In response to inquiry made of smelting and refining interests of the country for data from which to prepare the annual preliminary estimate of production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1918, I am advised by the American Smelting & Refining Company of receipt from you of approximately 600 ounces gold and 90,000 ounces silver.

Will you kindly advise me as to the sources of this material, whether it is old (secondary) or new; and if new the states in which produced (mined rather than smelted) so far as practicable, and where this cannot be given, names of the companies or works from which received, naming each works and the quantities received therefrom. This information is desired in order that the material may be traced back and that there may not be duplication in the final results.

This information will be treated as confidential and used only in the compilation of aggregates.

Early reply will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 17, 1918.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith receipt for checks Nos. 36 and 37 dated November 29th, on the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for $29,874.84 and $17,960.54 in payment of shipments of silver bullion from Philadelphia and New York on November 6th to San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 17, 1918.

Miss E. Munroe,
439 S. Marks Street,
Fort William,
Ontario, Canada.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of December 11th, you are advised that the Lincoln one cent pieces are being coined constantly in the United States Mints. There are millions of them in circulation. The coin collectors do not offer premiums for them.

The Government pays no premium on any issue of coin.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 17, 1918.

Mr. Wm. C. Ball,
Rm 14 Beach Block,
Terre Haute, Ind.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 13th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and later referred to this Bureau, relative to a one half and a two and a one half cent piece, you are advised that an Act of Congress would be required for coins of other denominations than those now in circulation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint, Wash. D. C.

Contingent Expense, Office of the Director of the Mint 1919

Brown Instrument Co. December 17 8.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Dept. Wash. D.C.

3 "J" porcelain tubes for 12" plat couple (plain heads)

Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint, Wash. D.C.

"Contingent Expense, Mint at Philadelphia 1919"

Underwood Typewriting Co. (Inc). December 18 8.

1415 New York Avenue, N. W., Wash. D.C.

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Underwood visible No. 5 with 84 characters, equipped with decimal tabulator.	4	1	81.50	326	00
Less exchange as follows:					
L.C.Smith & Bros. 21799-2 $10.00					
do 21801-2 10.00					
do 71692-3 15.00					
do 1167-3 12.50				47	50
				278	50

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 18, 1918.

Bureau of Mines,
American University Experiment Station,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I am enclosing three vouchers in the sums of $ 20, $11 and $16, covering cost of work performed for you by the New York Assay Office.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the appropriations indicated below in the amounts indicated on face of vouchers:

"Wages of Workmen Assay Office at New York 1918"

"Contingent Expense, Assay Office at New York 1918"

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 18, 1918.

Mr. F. T. Rockwood,
Apartado No. 18,
Bogota,
Colombia, S.A.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of November 22nd, I beg to advise you that the Government has withdrawn from the platinum market, a sufficient stock being on hand to meet the demands of the Government for the present time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 18, 1918.

Phya Prabha Karavongse,
Envoy Extraordinary and
Minister Plenipotentiary,
Siamese Legation,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your inquiry in regard to the execution of the coinage of an additional ten million one-stang pieces for your Government, I have the honor to state that the preparation of the coins desired can be undertaken at the Philadelphia Mint upon the same terms as those covering the execution of the first ten million one-stang pieces, recently delivered to your agent for shipment, which was $3.20 per thousand pieces.

The above charge does not include the cost of metal or cost of packing for shipment.

The manufacture of the coins could not be undertaken before the latter part of January, owing to the heavy demand upon our mints for domestic coinage.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 18, 1918.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

In accordance with your request I am enclosing herewith a table giving the deposits at the various institutions during the eleven months of 1918 with an estimate for December.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. George H. Roberts,
Assistant to the President
of the National City Bank,
New York City.

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Encl.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 18, 1918.

Mr. M. C. Wallace,
3121 Harriet Ave.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Sir:

I have your letter of December 12th and am forwarding herewith a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the year 1918 just published.

This report carries all of the information we have compiled in regard to the coinage of the individual mints.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 21, 1918.

Mr. Fred S. Hardesty,
Riggs Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hardesty:

I am enclosing herewith formal order for ten tons of nickel for the Mint at Denver, to be forwarded by the International Nickel Company to that institution.

It is understood that the price, including delivery to the Mint, is $0.4140. Will you kindly confirm this understanding.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 21, 1918.

Mr. L. C. Munze,
Harrisonville, Mo.

Sir:

The package forwarded by you containing silver watch cases has been received and forwarded to the United States Assay Office at New York, and the Superintendent of that institution will remit to you the value of the silver contained in the deposit less the charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

There is no institution in Washington where such material is received by the Government.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 26, 1918.

Mr. F. M. Quintana,
The Charge d'Affaires,
Argentine Embassy,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 19th referring to my letter of the 9th instant relative to the inquiry made by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia in regard to the exact dimensions of the discs now being prepared for your Government.

Replying I beg to state that the Superintendent reports it will be unnecessary for him to be supplied with further information in regard to the size of the discs. The sample coins supplied to him, together with the assistance rendered him by Mr. Hugo Wilson upon the occasion of his visit to the Mint, will enable him to proceed without delay with the manufacture of the blanks.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 26, 1918.

Mr. M. R. Keith,
Kenmare, N. Dakota.

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st instant, together with a package containing a specimen for analysis, has been received at this Bureau. I regret that there is no institution in Washington connected with the Government where assays are made for the public. I am enclosing a card which gives the list of offices of the Government where such work is done. I would suggest that you send the specimen to the U. S. Assay Office, Deadwood, S. D.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 27, 1918.

Mr. Herbert Putnam,
Librarian of Congress,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Will you please advise me if you have a copy of "Archives Neerlandaises, 1668, Vol. 3", and if so may I request that you cause the volume to be sent to this Bureau for official use.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 424

December 30, 1918.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find receipt for $5,238.28 covering the refining by the American Smelters Securities Company of 500,000 standard silver dollars for the British Government, in accordance with account of November 8th, 1918.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

December 31, 1918.

Actuary Sun Life Of Canada,
Montreal, Quebec.

Value of foreign coins circular January first nineteen nine carries exchange rates for Chilean paper about nineteen cents Mexican silver pesos seventy-eight cents Shanghai taels one decimal naught eight three two.

R.T.Baker
Director Mint.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS. COLLECT.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2122.